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STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Pleasant Hill

Working together to follow Christ in joyfully
serving our neighbors as compassionate,
connected, contributing, everyday disciples

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Your yearly Bible reading plan

If you're reading the Bible in
book order: By next Friday
read Acts 27-28, Romans and 1
Corinthians 1-4.

If you're reading the Bible in
chronological order: please
see [page 2 or click here.](#)

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Upcoming Worship

SPEAKER:

REV. JEFF PINKSTON

SCRIPTURE:

REVELATION 1:4-8 & JOHN 18:33-37

MESSAGE:

THE KING'S PURPOSE

ELDER GREETERS	DEWITT LAUERMAN, ELLEN THOMAS
DEACON USHERS	KARSEN PENNINGTON, RACHEL HOLZHAUER, CRYSTAL SINIARSKI, DAN STURGE, RACHEL MCADOO
COUNTERS	PAM HORACK, BARRY SMALL
SIGNERS	BARRY SMALL, DAVID THOMPSON

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS WILL BE GIVEN TO
THE GLORY OF GOD MARK & KRISTINA
BRACKETT IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARK'S
DAD, HAROLD BRACKETT.



THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP POSTER IS ON
THE BULLETIN BOARD TO THE RIGHT OF
THE CHURCH OFFICE. IT IS AS EASY AS
WRITING YOUR NAME IN A BLANK. THE
CHURCH WILL CALL YOU FOR DETAILS AND
PAYMENT. DONATION IS \$50.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE 244	CHILDREN 21	NURSERY 6	YOUTUBE VIEWS 63	FACEBOOK VIEWS 24	TOTAL 331
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Odds and Ends

Your Yearly Bible Reading Plan (cont.)

11/22/2024: Acts 15 - 16

11/23/2024: Galatians 1-3

11/24/2024: Galatians 4 - 6

11/25/2024: Acts 17; Acts 18:1-18

11/26/2024: 1 Thessalonians 1 - 5; 2 Thessalonians 1 - 3

11/27/2024: Acts 18:19 - 28; Acts 19:1 - 41

11/28/2024: 1 Corinthians 1 - 4

If you'd like a head start, next Friday will be 1 Corinthians 5 - 8.



FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK
PLEASE HAVE SUBMISSIONS IN BY
WEDNESDAY AT 9 AM.

*Congratulations to our
newest confirmands*

Will Salmon

Ella Kauffman

Sadler Dockery

Peyton Freeman

Reagan McCullley



Advent season will be here before you know it! Our church will be decorated Monday, November 25th at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help, please contact the office at 704.588.1290 [OR sign-up on Church Center!](#) It always helps to have a count of volunteers.

KID'S CORNER!

Happy
Thanksgiving!

Game time!
Can you spot
the differences
between these
two pictures?



Calendar and Events

UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

Sunday - 10 Cents A Meal	Wednesday
09:00 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm - Praise Team
09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School	07:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am - Worship	08:00 pm - AA
11:45 am - Hand Chimes Rehearsal	Thursday - Thanksgiving - Office Closed
05:00 pm - Youth Group	Friday
Monday	Saturday
11:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	Music and Memories Christmas Chimes Concert - off campus
05:30 pm - Decorating for Advent	Sunday - Communion
Tuesday	09:00 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal
11:30 am - Staff Meeting	09:30 am - Coffee & Sunday School
6:30 pm - Thanksgiving Community Service at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church 9401 S. Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28273	10:30 am - Worship 11:45 am - Hand Chimes Rehearsal 11:30 am - Outreach and Fellowship Meeting

**Safety team needs more members.
Please see Dennis Rawls or call 704-588-1290 for more details.**

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

November

- 25 — Decorating the Church for Advent [Sign-Up Here!](#)
- 26 — Thanksgiving Community Evening Service
6:30pm at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
9401 S. Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28273
- 28 — Thanksgiving (office closed)

December

- 01 — Communion
- 01 — Palisades HS Music Program during service
- 01 — Outreach and Fellowship meeting
- 07 — Adult Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 08 — Adult Music Program during service
- 08 — Birthday Party for Jesus - Bring A Toy!
- 14 — Children's Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 15 — Children's Music Program during service



- 15 — Congregational Christmas Luncheon immediately after service in multipurpose room with off-campus caroling to follow - [Sign-Up Here!](#)
- 24 — Love Feast at 5:30pm
- 25 — Christmas (Office Closed)
- 26 — Office Closed
- 29 — 10 Cents A Meal
- 31 — New Year's Eve



January

- 01 — New Year's Day (office closed)
- 05 — Communion
- 05 — Star Sunday
- 10 — Crafts Fellowship



Future Dates

March 4 - TENTATIVELY Mobile Mammography Bus will be onsite from 9-3. Plan your appt and share with a friend
May 16-18 - Women's Retreat at Montreat

Music Notes

SPECIAL EVENT

AT STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT PLEASANT HILL

Sunday

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December

10:30 AM SERVICE
PALISADES HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR
EUGENE BUMGARDNER, DIRECTOR

Join us at our 10:30 am service for a special morning as the Palisades High School Choir, under the direction of Eugene Bumgardner, helps prepare our hearts for the Advent Season.



SCPCPH MUSIC

Christmas Music Schedule

Sunday, 12.1	10:30 am: Palisades High School Choir
Sunday, 12.8	10:30 am: Adult Christmas Music Presentation
Sunday, 12.15	10:30 am: Children's Christmas Music Presentation



Keep up with the music schedule for the month of December!

IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE DECEMBER 8TH OR 15TH WORSHIP, REMEMBER THERE IS REHEARSAL THE DAY BEFORE FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the hand chime choir will visit Lake Wylie Assisted Living and Summit Place to entertain and engage with the residents of these facilities. The hand chime choir will play fun Christmas pieces to delight of the audience.



MUSIC & Memories

Chimes Edition



MUSIC & Memories

SHARE THE MUSIC OF YESTERDAY TODAY!

228 BOXES!

Dear Church Family,



Our church packed a grand total of 228 OCC shoeboxes, and I am so very thrilled!! Thank you all so much for your graciousness and willingness to set aside your time and effort to pack each of these special boxes that will be placed in the hands of an eager child.

These shoebox gifts will be distributed to children during a Gospel-focused community event. Be sure to continue to pray that this child will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Another opportunity that you may wish to consider is a donation to a discipleship program called "The Greatest Journey". This is a 12-lesson course designed for children who have been given a shoebox and want to learn more about God.

You may Google Samaritanspurse.org and look towards the bottom of the webpage for The Greatest Journey (in the fine print) to find out more about this wonderful additional ministry to the children.

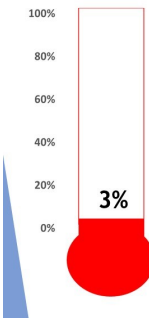
Again, thank you so much for the wonderful participation this year! --Sarah Harkey

2025 Stewardship Campaign

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign starts this Sunday, November 17! Each year, we ask our congregation to make a pledge for the following year. Your pledge plays a vital role in shaping our annual budget, giving us a clearer picture of the

financial support we can expect in the coming year. This budget funds our day-to-day operations and supports our various ministry teams, helping us fulfill our mission together.

Please consider making a pledge to support our church's mission of joyfully serving our neighbors as we work together to follow Christ.



2025 Stewardship Campaign

Goal: \$800,000
Pledged: \$21,500
Remaining: \$778,500

November 17 - December 15

Scan the QR Code to make your pledge today

Your support makes a difference!

2024 Budget

Administration	\$59,640
Christian Growth	\$36,900
Congregational Care	\$1,140
Community Engagement	\$23,800
Finance	\$67,440
Missions	\$78,000
Personnel	\$741,218
Property	\$173,000
Worship & Music	\$14,520

Total Expenses \$1,195,658

Stewardship Campaign

November 17 to December 15



Scan or click the QR Code to make your pledge today.

Missions & Ministries



The Men's Fellowship group got together on Saturday and built a ramp to assist someone with access to their home. Thank you, men, for all you do for the Steele Creek community!



Birthday Party FOR JESUS

DECEMBER 8
9:30 AM
FOR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE
Cupcakes, Juice, Crafts, Story Time

Everyone! You too may celebrate by bringing a new unwrapped toy for ages 3-15 for West Blvd Ministries.



**Bring a new unwrapped toy
for ages 3-15 for West Blvd.
Ministry by December 8.**



Missions & Ministries

Christmas Joy Offering

December 1 - December 22, 2024

[Presbyterian Special Offerings - Christmas Joy](#)

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years

To learn more, participate, and give, please follow the link above or complete an envelope at church and put it in the offering plate.

Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary through sponsoring a poinsettia?

See the insert in Sunday's bulletin, and include your offer of donation. All slips must be turned in with payment by December 16. Look for a digital version to be available December 3.



The Christmas Luncheon and Caroling

You are invited to a very special Christmas luncheon and fellowship on Sunday, December 15 following our church service. There will be caroling off campus following the luncheon.

The menu is as follows:

Baked turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread and dessert.

There is no cost, but we do ask that you sign up so there is adequate food for everyone.

Please sign-up using the insert in Sunday's bulletin or by following this link:

[Christmas Luncheon and Caroling - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill](#)

Missions & Ministries

On November 10, the youth group visited Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Gastonia. Partnering with their youth group, the two groups had dinner together and then visited Displaced Roses, an advocacy outreach for those experiencing homelessness in Gastonia. The youth toured the facility, had a chance to paint, assembled shelving, helped with organizing donated resources, and assisted the staff with some heavy lifting. They also learned more about how Displaced Roses serves the people experiencing homelessness in Gaston County. To learn more about the non-profit organization called Displaced Roses please see their website at DisplacedRoses.com.



Prayer Concerns

Please be in prayer for the following that they receive peace, comfort, support, healing, strength, and the love of Christ as He knows all the needs of all people. For more details on each, please see Church Center's Prayer List.

Praise

- ✝ Paul and Grace Kuto are so grateful for our prayers. Paul's shoulder is healing well with PT. They said their Oregon trip was God blessed! Book tour for Education Scholarships went well. We look forward to sharing with our congregation here. We are happy to be back.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Pray for the DHSS Agencies in both North and South Carolina for the challenges they are facing in carrying out their mission regarding foster children and foster families.
- ✝ Prayers for the people affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.
- ✝ Prayers for those affected by Hurricane Milton in Florida.
- ✝ Pray for the country of Ukraine and its people.
- ✝ Pray for the country and people of Israel. Also, please pray for the safe return of the hostages being held by Hamas and for the killing of further people to be stopped.

General Health Concerns

- ✝ Mike Morgan Jr. Is recovering from back surgery and is receiving physical therapy. Please continue to pray for him.

- ✝ Jeff Lemond is continuing to heal from the infection in his leg. Pray for Jeff as he prepares for another surgery in mid-December to replace the knee joint.
- ✝ George and Betty Davis would like prayers for George's health.
- ✝ Linda Clark is back home from the hospital and is improving daily.
- ✝ James, the infant son of Tim and Terry Gillette's niece, Jordan, is still in the NICU. He is expected to be there until December. He is gaining weight, and his breathing is improving. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- ✝ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith is doing better. He's able to go to rehab.

Cancer

- ✝ Jeffrey Brenner, son of Gail Brenner has been readmitted to the hospital with complications following his previous surgery. Please be in prayer for healing.
- ✝ Sherry Abel, Judy Watkins' stepsister, has stage 4 breast cancer. Continue to pray for her as she receives treatment.
- ✝ David Carter, friend and co worker of Mac Winget is responding well to his treatment for Lymphoma. Please contin-

ue to pray for him and his family.

- ✝ Raquel Mercer, sister of Ragan Haston and daughter of Gina and Tom Settlemire, had surgery at Duke. She continues to need prayers as she receives treatments which is a process over a long period of time. Her family thanks you for your prayers.
- ✝ Kevin, Anne Marie Moore's dad, has started radiation treatments for his prostate cancer. While having treatments he will also move households.
- ✝ Kaarin Record is scheduled to begin her chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for her and her husband Don as they face this new step in her treatment of cancer.
- ✝ Allison Spratt has completed her radiation treatments and now has 39 targeted chemo treatments before proceeding with her next surgery.
- ✝ Carol Pridgen, Betty Small's sister, met with the oncologist at Duke on October 22. She began chemotherapy at Duke on Oct. 29. She had it again the following Tuesday. She will be off next week and continue the following week with the same routine. She had a PET scan on Nov. 8. Please be in prayer for Carol during this time.

† Ruth McGaha met with her doctor regarding her scan. She is able to travel and visit with family.

† Elaine Scarborough has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. Her latest scan has shown spread. She will start radiation soon. Please continue to pray for her.

† Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore, has been diagnosed with liver cancer in addition to pancreatic cancer. He is continuing chemo treatments.

† Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgan's, had a recent cancer scan that reveals his cancer has advanced. Please pray for him, his wife and twin daughters.

Ongoing Illness

† Cooper Freeman went home from the rehabilitation facility today where he stayed during his recovery from surgery. Please continue to pray for Cooper that he regains his strength.

† Margaret Wert has moved to Pruitt Health for rehabilitation.

† Mrs. Darrell Bonapart is still suffering the side effects of long Covid. She and her husband appreciate all prayers lifted up for them.

† John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, has been put on the kidney transplant list. Please pray for this to happen timely and for a donor match to be found.

Fostering the Family (FTF)

† Fostering the Family asks for prayers for all of our support churches and care communities that are wrapping around these vulnerable families.

† Please pray for the organization *Fostering the Family* and the children that are looking to be adopted.

Military

]]When we have someone serving outside of the U-S{ we remember them[by lighting a candle]until they return-Please be in prayer for them-

† **Brian Cox, US Air Force, Italy

† Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado

† Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia

† **Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea

† Will Warsaw, US Navy, North Carolina

College Students

Clay Ferguson	Ben Shanti
Kelly Ferguson	Casey Snyder
Alexa Hill	Regan Snyder
Donald Horack	Andrew Tanner
Melinda Moore	Charlie Warnke

Homebound

Joan Brown	Hannah Maurer
Linda Clark	Pat McCorkle
Joyce Carpenter	Sarah Middleton
Dot Earp	Forrest Nunnally
Cooper Freeman, III	Gerry Roberts
Katharine Freeman	Kat Sparrow
Louise Freeman	Mike Spratt
Elaine Kotraba	Margaret Wert
	Wayne Whiteside

If you would like to submit a prayer request, private or public, you may: ¹Complete the prayer card in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Mark if it is a private or public prayer request. The card will be sent to the Intercessory Prayer Team. ²Email any prayer concerns to IntercessoryPrayerTeam@steelecreekchurch.org ³Submit a prayer concern through Church Center. On the computer go to scpcph.churchcenter.com and

select the "Prayer Works" image. If you have the app, scroll down for the "Prayer Works" image on the homepage and select it.

The Intercessory Prayer Team is honored and privileged to pray for your prayer requests. We want to pray for concerns close to your heart. You can also feel to call or text members of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Clinton Corbett, Mamie Gaver, Dexter Greene, Sandi Lauerman or Karen Rawls.