

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parks O. Williams

Please take a moment to sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew, and pass it to the person next to you.

GATHERING**PRELUDE**

"In dulci jubilo"

J.S. Bach

TRINITY CHIMES**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Matthew Copple

Leader: All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

People: evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

Leader: Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYER**HYMN 143**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
words projected

***CALL TO CONFESSION, HYMN 121** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 4)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Savior, we confess
that we are not people of peace.
You clothe us with your love,
but we do not love one another.
You wrap us in your mercy,
but we do not forgive one another.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to follow your way,
and help us to grow each day
in wisdom and favor with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON, HYMN 110**

"Love Has Come" (vs. 3)

***HYMN 583**

"Glory to God"

(Sing 3 times: 1st time everyone in unison,
2nd –3rd times as a round – Women starting, then men.)
words projected

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

After the Children's Conversation, teachers lead children to Sunday School: age 3 - 4 in room 216; K - 2nd graders in Room 204. Childcare for Infants -2 years is in room 212.

*Those who are able may stand.

THE WORD**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****FIRST READING**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, page 235 Pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52, page 55 Pew Bible

SERMON

"The Mystical, Magical Age of 12" Parks Williams

***HYMN 140**

"Once in Royal David's City"
words projected

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, HYMN 481** "I Believe in God the Father"

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Matthew Copple

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "A Joyful Gathering of Carols" Joseph Martin

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN 144**

"In the Bleak Midwinter" (verse 4)
words projected

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*SENDING*****HYMN 134**

"Joy to the World" (verse 4)
words projected

CHARGE & BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

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FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD in loving memory of Gerald Roberts on his birthday by Carolyn, Scott and Jody, Rachel and Shelby, Jeri and Bob, and Meghan

Acolyte: Caleb Wilson

Reader: Vera McLendon

Worship Assistant: Matthew Copple

Parking Lot Greeter: Steve Walton

Church Opener: Parks Williams

Church Closer: Austin Campbell

Sound Booth: Campbell Buchanan **Video Booth:** David Buchanan

Ushers: Gary Webb, Campbell Buchanan, David Buchanan, Jim Lowe, Chris Wilson, Lee Goodson

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available. Please ask an usher.

PROFESSIONAL CHILD CARE offered Sunday mornings, 9-11:30 a.m. in Room 212 for infants through age two.

COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE CAFE serves free, fair-trade coffee and tea in the Gathering Space adjacent to the Sanctuary from 8:45 -11 a.m.

Please remember to wear your **name tags** at church events. If you would like a name tag and do not have one, please contact Brenda Triplett in the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Hochuli (recently hospitalized)

Ray Penvose (recent injury)

Matt Winters (recent surgery)

Session Members - Committee Assignments**Class of 2015**

Lindsay Craven

Fellowship

Mark Hammer

Endowment

Nancy Jones

Personnel

Kurt Kronenfeld

Endowment,

Stewardship

Vera McLendon

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Gary Webb

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Worship & Music

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Fellowship

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Parks Williams

Caring &

Clerk of Session

Josh Wilson

Building & Grounds

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Faith Formation

Connie Fowler

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Frances Gallagher

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Josh Nelson

Personnel

Gai Riak

Faith Formation

Kathie Tiedeman

Finance

THIS WEEK AT STARMOUNT

PEANUT BUTTER FOR GUM: Help Starmount help feed the hungry of Guilford County by bringing jars of peanut butter for the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry on the first Sunday of every month. A collection basket is located in the Gathering Space.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The "Video Café" class in room 323 and the "Friendship" class in room 321 are currently available for adults from 9-9:45. "Very Important Presbyterians" (ages 3-2nd grade) room 204, 3rd-5th grade, a new class, and 6th-12th grade also meet from 9-9:45. Preschool Sunday School (3-4 year olds) and K-2nd (except for the 1st Sunday) will continue to meet following the Children's Conversation during worship. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Kathryn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: Sunday School for all ages resumes on January 3, 2016.

STARMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY!): SPY! will not meet on Dec. 27th or Jan. 3rd. Enjoy your break from school, and have fun spending time with family and friends. We will meet again on January 10th! See you then!

CHURCH OFFICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The church offices will be closed on December 28 and January 1.

YEAR-END GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS may be delivered to the church office weekdays between (9am-5pm). **Please have all 2015 year-end contributions into the office no later than 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 31.** Stock transfers should be initiated no later than December 24 or visit our website to give online anytime on or before December 31.

2016 SESSION/STAFF RETREAT is scheduled for Saturday, **January 9** from 8:30 - 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please pray for our church leaders as they set goals and ministry plans for 2016.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS are due by **Monday morning, January 11.** Please email to Brenda Triplett at brenda@starmountpres.org.

ONE CHURCH, ONE BOOK: Starmount's book discussion group will be reading and discussing, *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson Wednesday, **January 20** at noon in the parlor. Copies are available to be checked out in the Gathering Space.

BEING MORTAL BOOK DISCUSSION: **January 27**, 6:30 p.m. Marcia Vanard is back to lead the book talk (she was our grief talk discussion leader). Books available in the Gathering space to sign out and read now.

VIEW FROM THE PEW: As you look around the sanctuary during worship, you are encouraged to ask yourself, "Where do I see God?" If you have a smartphone with a camera, you are encouraged to document your reflection and post it to any social media site (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) with the hashtag #pewview—it's a great way to interact with each other in a new and different form!

SUNDAY, December 27

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

MONDAY, December 28

Church Offices & Preschool Closed

THURSDAY, December 31

7-8:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, Gathering

Space

9-10:30 a.m.

Star Press Volunteers, room 414

FRIDAY, January 1

Church Offices & Preschool Closed

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SATURDAY, January 2

Montreat College Conference

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, January 3

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

VIPs & Childcare

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

Starmount
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27, 2015 · 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Kathryn G.N. Campbell, associate pastor
Rev. Dr. Ken Meeks, Jr., parish visitor
Leslie Webb, parish visitor
Robert Overman, director of music ministries
Michael Parker, organist

Welcome!

We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's house with its doors wide open.

If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us.

We invite you to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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