

PRELUDE

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dan and Maria Johnson,
Zach and Neal

*HYMN 107

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”
words projected

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN 583

“Glory to God”
(sing three times: 1st-unison,
2nd and 3rd as a round with women starting)
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

At the conclusion of the Children's Conversation, children age 3 - 4 are dismissed to Sunday school in room 216. K-4th graders will remain in worship so that they may participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided for Infants – 2 years in Room 212.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:11-13, page 687 pew Bible

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-11, page 1 pew Bible

SERMON

“Follow the Star...Search”

Kim Priddy

*Those who are able may stand.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ave Maria”

Giulio Caccini

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN 144

“In the Bleak Midwinter” (verse 4 only)
words projected

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive sustenance from the Lord's Table. The elders will start trays of bread and cups down each aisle. Please pass the trays along the pew until all have been served. You may eat the bread and drink the cup as you feel led. A gluten-free wafer is served in the middle pew section only. It is in the tray immediately following the bread. If you are seated in another section of the church and desire a gluten-free alternative, please notify one of the elders serving your section.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 494

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”
words projected

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE, HYMN 88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verse 6)
Choir and Congregation

*POSTLUDE

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Starmount welcomes Kim Priddy to worship today as our guest preacher. Kim is a candidate for ministry in the PC(USA) under care of Salem Presbytery. She is serving as the Minister to Missions at First Baptist Church here in Greensboro. Kim received her Master of Divinity degree from the Divinity School at Wake Forest University. She and her husband, Brent, have three children: Ryan, Brad, and Kate. In her spare time, she loves watching her kids play sports, time with friends, and running. Advent is her favorite time of year.

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD by Ren and Judy Reynolds in memory of their parents.

Acolyte: Fidelia Allah-Issem

Reader: Joel Ritter

Parking Lot Greeter: Lee Goodson

Church Opener: Parks Williams

Church Closer: Stan Dixon

Sound Booth: Carter Walton

Video Booth: Josh Wilson

Ushers: David Wallace, Ben Parks, Donna Bailey, Melissa Conger, Exum Bailey, Stan Dixon, Sophie Vachon

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 8:45-11:00 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.

THIS WEEK AT STARMOUNT

SUNDAY, December 6

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
VIPs & Childcare

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

11:10 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal, room 420

Youth Ringers Rehearsal, room 326

11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Coping with the Holidays,
Fellowship Hall

5:18-7 p.m.

Youth Group

5:30-7 p.m.

F3: Food, Families & Faith,
Fellowship Hall

7-8 p.m.

Mission Committee, room 319

MONDAY, December 7

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee, room 414

7-8 p.m.

PW Board Meeting, room 315

TUESDAY, December 8

9-10 a.m.

Administrative Committee, room 414

10-11:50 a.m.

Staff Meetings, room 414

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Ruth Circle at Dot Parker's

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Caring Ministries, room 319

6-8 p.m.

Mary Circle

6:30-8 p.m.

Martha Circle at Cilie Sutton's

WEDNESDAY, December 9

9:30-10 a.m.

Preschool Chapel

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Evangelism & Membership, Dot
Parker's House

THURSDAY, December 10

7-8:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study, Gathering Space

6-6:45 p.m.

Thursday Ringers Rehearsal

7-8:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, December 11

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Preschool Christmas Program,
Fellowship Hall

5:30-10 p.m.

Young Adult "Festivus" Party

SATURDAY, December 12

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cantata Dress Rehearsal

7-8 p.m.

Joseph & Sue Martin Concert

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, December 13

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
VIPs & Childcare

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Cantata

10:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

11:10 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal, room 420

Youth Ringers Rehearsal, room 326

11:15 a.m.

Visitor Reception, parlor

SPY! Kids

5:18-7 p.m.

Youth Group

7:15 p.m.

Faith Formation Committee, room 319

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 & read now.

SPY! KIDS EVENT: 3rd-5th graders and their families are encouraged to join Pastor Kathryn **NEXT Sunday, December 13**, immediately after worship for lunch and to help stuff stockings for the Triad Health Project.

Starmount
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 6, 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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Called to Worship, Empowered to serve.

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.

STARMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY!): SPY! will be joining in the fun of F3 tonight! Come and take part in the Advent Workshop complete with crafts, music, and activities for all! See you tonight at 5:30!!

ANGEL TREE: Each year Starmount's Angel Tree helps provide Christmas gifts for Triad Health Project and other needy families in our community. Please choose an item to buy from the tree in the lobby, wrap the item, attach the tag and return it to the tree by the requested date. Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

STOCKING STUFFERS NEEDED: Starmount will be filling Christmas stockings for Triad Health Project and other needy families as in the past. We are collecting goodies for about 50 stockings for men and women. Please deposit items in the designated box in the Gathering Space **by Sunday, December 13**. Suggestions are: candy, cologne, cans of soup, tuna or other protein, fruit, socks, deodorant, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, lotion, nail clippers, combs, brushes, razors, pens, writing pads.

HONOR CARD sales continue through 12/20/15. There are cards for Habitat for Humanity, Congo Egg Farm, Greensboro Urban Ministry, and Out of the Garden. Cards are available for purchasing in the lobby.

YOUNG ADULT "FESTIVUS" WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY: Friday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Libbi, Jason and Matt Gundaker. Re-gifting is encouraged, but if you don't have something hideous to dig out and wrap, please honor the \$10 limit if you purchase something. Dinner and its fixin's will be provided, but please bring an appetizer or dessert. For more information, please ask Pastor Kathryn.

CONCERT & CHRISTMAS CANTATA Please join us on Saturday, **December 12** at 7 p.m. for Joseph M. Martin and Sue Martin in concert and for worship on Sunday, **December 13** at 10 a.m. as Joe leads our choir and orchestra in his beautiful new offering for Advent, *Let There Be Christmas!*

WEST VIRGINIA AND CHIAPAS, MEXICO MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL

MEETING: Please join us in room 319 after church on **December 13** to learn more about our two mission trip opportunities for 2016. It is time to begin forming our mission teams and preparing for these incredible opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in WV and Mexico. All are encouraged to attend. Please join us!!

CAROLING: Save the date—**Friday, December 18**, 5:30-7 p.m. Carolers will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and go caroling at the homes of our church members. All ages are welcome!

CAMPBELL OPEN HOUSE: Save the date—**Saturday, December 19**, 3-5 p.m. at 510 Hobbs Road. Please drop in for coffee, mulled cider, light refreshments and Christmas cheer!

POUNDCAKES NEEDED for the annual Christmas Dinner held at Bender's Tavern on West Market Street for those in our community experiencing homelessness. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. (Store-bought pound cakes are also fine.) Please put cake slices in sandwich-size bags and then inside larger freezer bag labeled for Bender's Dinner. **Please bring them to the church by December 20.** If you have questions, or need your cake picked up, call Evelyn Garrison at 336-420-7689.