

GATHERING MUSIC

Michael Parker

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Merciful God, maker of us all,
Open our ears that we may hear you speak.
Holy God, the one who redeems,
Open our minds that we may gain understanding.
Loving God, as you comfort and sustain us,
Open our hearts to receive God's grace.

***HYMN 610** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Favorite Hymn)

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Kathryn G.N. Campbell

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and even shun those we do not know or love, we prove ourselves to be unworthy of your love. For this and so many things we are distressed and ashamed. We humbly ask for your forgiveness, that you might renew us body and spirit, so that we might be able to live as you intended. It is in the name of Christ Jesus we pray and in whose name we now lift up our silent prayers to you.
(silent prayers of confession)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 701** "Lord, Prepare Me"
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Cindy Lee

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

*Those who are able may stand.

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:4-6, page 623 pew Bible
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:24-37, page 40 pew Bible
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Be Opened" Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

***HYMN 767** "Together We Serve"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Colossians 1:15-20)
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Today we receive offerings for the Susan White Helping Hands Fund which provides preschool families need-based scholarship assistance. This fund is in memory of Susan White, the preschool's long-time director, Starmount member and friend. Please mark your check "Susan White Fund" and/or enclose in the envelope provided.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "African Alleluia" Jay Althouse

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 75, "We Give Thanks unto You"**
vs 1 (1st time choir only/2nd time with congregation)
We give thanks unto you, O God of might, for your love is never ending; we give thanks unto you, the God of gods, for your love is never ending.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

***HYMN 770** "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" (verses 1-4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Teach Us How to Live" Jon Brotherton

POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly so others may hear.



FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD by Frank and Peggy Smith in remembrance of 9/11.

Acolyte: TBD **Scripture Reader:** Connie Fowler
Parking Lot Greeter: Lee Goodson
Door Greeters: Ann & Ben Parks **Welcome Desk:** May Williams
Sound: Richard Porter **Video:** Ry Porter
Church Opener: Parks Williams **Church Closer:** Ray Shelton
Breakfast Set-up/Clean-up: Drake & Jennifer Dowler
Collection Counters: David Buchanan and Ben Parks
Ushers: Steve Walton, Ginger Walton, Bryan Starrett, Ray Shelton, Anna Lewis, Steve Busha, Madie Vachon

Session Members - Committee Assignments

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Steve Blackwood	Drake Dowler	Jack Barry
Caring Ministries	Building & Grounds/ Cong. Nominating	Finance
David Buchanan	Elaine Gustafson	Martha Bursey
Worship & Music	Endowment/Fellowship	Youth
Kim Dawson	Barbara Newbauer	Cathy Ingram
Personnel/Asst. Clerk	Clerk of Session	Mission
April Hamilton	Admin./Preschool	Cuyler McKnight
Evangelism & Mbrship	Mary Overman	Stewardship/ Cong. Nominating
Anna Lewis	Stewardship	Ginger Walton
Youth	Matt Winters	Faith Formation
	Worship & Music	
	Susan Porter	
	Faith Formation/Youth	

PENNIES FOR HUNGER OFFERING will be received **TODAY** following worship. **Children holding baskets will receive the Pennies for Hunger offering as you exit the Sanctuary.** This offering benefits the hunger relief initiatives of Salem Presbytery.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TODAY: Following worship today, please feel free to take a tour of the preschool as you make your way to the Fellowship Hall for lunch.

SPY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are available and willing to help with leadership, meals and/or transportation for the youth, please talk to Laura! The youth program cannot function without willing adults to support it.

WAKING UP WHITE: Final session is this **Thursday 9/13, noon-1:15 p.m.** Books are available on the table in the Gathering Space or talk to Mary Jane. Designated a PCUSA all-church read, author Debby Irving will speak at First Presbyterian on 9/17 at 7:30 p.m.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: Nov. 4, 11; Dec. 2. If you are interested in giving flowers for one of these Sundays, please contact Jinny Buchanan at jinnybug@mindspring.com or 336-549-4674 or 336-662-8402.

FIT4BABY@ is designed specifically for moms-to-be. All exercises are carefully selected to prepare your body for the many changes you will experience during pregnancy. You can begin FIT4BABY at any point during pregnancy as the workouts are scientifically-based, purposeful and designed to accommodate your changing body. The 60-minute workout includes cardio, strength, balance, and flexibility training and ends with a relaxing meditation; everything you need during this precious time! **"Link to website: <https://piedmont.fit4mom.com/classes/fit4baby>**

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK! Save the dates, **Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 3 & 10.** Sign up online or on the bulletin insert.

THE STORY BIBLE STUDY classes will resume on **Monday, Sept. 10 at 3:30 pm** and **Wednesday, Sept. 12 at noon** with discussion on chapter 22.

ONE CHURCH, ONE BOOK: September 25 at 7 pm and **September 26 at 10:30 am**, we will be discussing: *The Nightingale, a novel* by Kristin Hannah. Copies are available on the bistro table in the Gathering Space. Please sign your name on the book card and leave on the table. Books need to be returned by Sept. 30.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNERS:** Volunteer to host a dinner at the YWCA Family Shelter on **10/8, 11/12 or 12/10.** Starmount is committed to feeding 20-30, mostly women and children, on the 2nd Monday of each month. Call on friends to help or sign up with a church group. Email ciliesutton@gmail.com or sign up in the Narthex today.
- **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** to cover front desk, greet visitors and answer the phone from 10am-1pm once a month. Please contact May Williams at mayparks@bellsouth.net or 336-855-7495 or Brenda Triplett at brenda@starmountpres.org or 336-299-8131, ext. 110.

See "Volunteer Opportunities" Notebook in the Narthex

THIS WEEK AT STARMOUNT

<p>KICK-OFF SUNDAY, September 9 8:45-10:00 a.m. Waking Up White, Rm 319 9 a.m. Sunday School Kick-off & Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Church Picnic & Cookout 1-3 p.m. Kayaking - Lake Brandt 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mission Committee, Rm 319 Yoga Class, Rm 321 4 p.m. FIT4BABY Preview Class</p> <p>MONDAY, September 10 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sarah Circle at River Landing 11:45 a.m. Faith Formation, Rm 414 2 p.m. Martha Circle, Parlor 3:30-4:30 p.m. The Story Bible Study, Rm 319 5-6 p.m. YWCA Family Shelter Dinner 6-7 p.m. Fellowship Committee, Rm 414</p> <p>TUESDAY, September 11 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Chair Yoga Class, Rm 321 1-2 p.m. Evangelism & Membership, Rm 414 1:30-2:30 p.m. Caring Ministries, Rm 319 3 p.m. Ruth Circle, Parlor 5-6 p.m. Admin. Committee, Rm 414 6:00-7:00 p.m. Worship & Music, Rm 414 6-7:30 p.m. Y12SR, Rm 321</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, September 12 11:30 a.m. UKirk Lunch at Holderness House 12-1 p.m. The Story Bible Study, Rm 319 7:30-8:30 p.m. Yoga Class (Co-ed), Rm 321</p> <p>THURSDAY, September 13 7:30-8:30 a.m. Faith Exploration Study at River Landing 9:15 a.m. Preschool Committee, Rm 319 11:30-12:30 Yoga Class: Out of the Chair 12-1:15 p.m. Waking Up White, Rm 319 5:00 p.m. Star Press Newsletter Deadline 6:30-7:30 p.m. Finance Committee, Rm 414 6-6:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 326 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, Rm 414 7-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>FRIDAY, September 14 9:30-10:30 a.m. Yoga Class, Room 321 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Chair Yoga Class, Rm 321</p> <p>SATURDAY, September 15 8:30-9:30 a.m. Community Garden SPY! at White Lake</p> <p>LOOKING AHEAD - September 16 SPY! at White Lake 5:30-6:30 p.m. Yoga Class, Rm 321 7-8:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Rm 319</p>
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Starmount Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell, Associate Pastor
Robert Overman, Director of Worship Arts
Michael Parker, Organist

Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministry
Laura Roberson, Lillian Steele Resident for Youth & Young Adult Ministry



September 9, 2018 · 10:00 a.m.

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.

Starmount's vision is to build a church family which:
 Invites and welcomes all who seek to know and serve God;
 Discovers and develops individual and collective gifts and talents;
 Equips individuals for service in our church, community, and world.

Called to Worship. Empowered to Serve.