

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship

PRELUDE**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

***HYMN 352** "My Lord! What a Morning"

CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Holy God, we confess that we fall short of your calling upon our lives. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence. In the name of Christ, we lift our prayers to you.

(silent prayers of confession)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 697, vs 1** "Take My Life"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

And also with you.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 92:1-4, page pew Bible

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-24, page pew Bible

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Extravagant Generosity"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

***HYMN 14** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Favorite Hymn)

COMMISSIONING OF THE 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world: for things great and small, beautiful and awesome, for seen and unseen splendors,
thank you, God.

For human life: for talking and moving and thinking together, for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying,
thank you, God.

For family: for living together and eating together, for the bonds strengthened through good times and bad,
thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow: for healing our diseases, for preserving us in temptation and danger,
thank you, God.

For the church into which we have been called: for the good news we receive by Word and sacrament, for our life together in the Lord,
we praise you, God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship,
we praise you, God.

For your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation: for our hope in him, for the joy of serving him,
we thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Bless This House"

arr. Joseph Martin

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 654**

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord, I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

***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 643** "Now Thank We All Our God"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "May the Lord Watch Over You"

Ruth Elaine Schram

POSTLUDE

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

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FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD by Jim Lowe in loving memory of his wife Lila.

Acolyte: Deng Ayuel

Scripture Reader: Mary Palmieri

Parking Lot Greeter: Stan Dixon

Door Greeters: Katherine and Buddy Poole

Welcome Desk: Jinny Buchanan

Sound: Carter Walton

Video: David Buchanan

Church Opener: Parks Williams

Church Closer: Ray Shelton

Breakfast Set-up/Clean-up: Barb Newbauer

Collection Counters: Cuyler McKnight and Jim Hooper

Ushers: David Wallace, Ginger Walton, Steve Walton, Ray Shelton, Madie Vachon, Slade Lewis, Steve Busha

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

- Vicki Winters' and Kevin Shoffner's **cousin, Jamie Coley**, was killed in a car accident on Nov. 12.
- Don and Barbara Spencer request prayers for their **son-in-law, John Kirkman**, who had a shoulder replacement.
- Sue Halliday Smith requests prayers for her **grandson, Christopher Price**, who was in a car accident.
- Roger and Cilie Sutton request prayers for their **niece, Emily Sutton**, who has had life-threatening complications from her delivery, but there are signs of improvement for her, and the baby is fine.
- George Owen requests prayers for a **neighbor, Ruth Ann**, whose cancer has spread.
- Jim Hooper requests prayers for **Bobby Christiansen and his family**, due to the recent death of his father, Roy Robert Christiansen, Sr.

THIS WEEK AT STARMOUNT

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE!

The 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for those who might serve on the 2019 CNC. This is an important responsibility and so we ask that you prayerfully consider who might be a good fit for this committee in the coming year. Please submit nominations to the church office.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS should remain at church so there will be one for each child on Sunday. If any have made their way to your home, please return them to church.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: It's time to place your order for poinsettias that will adorn the sanctuary on December 16 and 23. An order form is in your bulletin. **Deadline to submit is Sunday, December 2.**

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT: For those who can help, the Presbyterian Women will be decorating the Sanctuary, **Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10:30-Noon.** Many hands will make light, quick work—please plan to come and help!

CHURCH-WIDE ADVENT WORKSHOP: All members of Starmount's Church Family are invited to an Advent Workshop on **Saturday, December 1, from 9-11 am.** Participants will enjoy breakfast while creating an Advent wreath for their home as well as other great crafts and activities! If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Kathryn. **This event is timed so that all may participate in it and then make their way downtown for the Greensboro Holiday Parade at noon – plan to attend together as a Starmount Family!**

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING: Save the date, **Sunday December 2, and join us on** the first Sunday of Advent at 2pm in the Sanctuary to begin our most festive season with a Hymn Sing. Cookies and Cocoa will be available in the Gathering Space immediately following singing, so bring your friends and neighbors!

HONOR CARDS: Honor Card sales will begin Sunday 11/25/2018 and continue through 12/23/2018. There will be cards for Habitat for Humanity, Congo Egg Farm, and Greensboro Urban Ministry. Help support these organizations by purchasing cards. There will be a table in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS POUND CAKES REQUEST – It is time to begin preparation for the homeless Christmas Dinner at Bender's Tavern on Christmas Day. Our goal is **100 pound cakes.** Cakes should be sliced, each slice placed in a sandwich baggie and all bagged slices then placed together in a large freezer bag, **marked "Homeless Christmas Dinner," as well as the total number of slices in the large freezer bag.** Please place Pound cakes place in church freezer by Sunday, December 23.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(See "Volunteer Opportunities" Notebook in the Narthex)

- **TUTORING: Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m.** Help students in grades K-12 at Starmount with homework, projects, reading, math (such as multiplication), transporting them in church bus, or feeding them a pre-homework snack and dinner.
- **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.

SUNDAY, November 18 **8:45 a.m.**

Continental Breakfast
Confirmation Class, Rm 319

9 a.m.

Sunday School
Small Groups, Parlor & Rm 114

11:10-11:30 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal, Rm 420

4-5 p.m.

FIT4BABY Class, Rm 101

5:18-7 p.m.

SPY!

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Yoga Class

7-8 p.m.

Co-ed Restorative Yoga Class

7-8:30 p.m.

Stated Session Meeting, Rm 319

MONDAY, November 19

3:30-4:30 p.m.

The Story Bible Study, Rm 319

TUESDAY, November 20

10-11 a.m.

Staff Meeting, Rm 414

11:30am-12:30pm

Chair Yoga Class, Rm 321

5:45-6:30 p.m.

Stroller Strides, Fellowship Hall

6-7:30 p.m.

Y12SR (Yoga of 12-step Recovery),
Rm 321

THURSDAY, November 22 **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Church Offices & Preschool
Closed

FRIDAY, November 23

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Closed

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, November 25

9 a.m.

Sunday School

10 a.m.

Worship

11:10 a.m.

Children's Choir Reh

5-7:30 p.m.

SPY! Movie Night

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Yoga Class, Rm 321

7-8 p.m.

Restorative Yoga Class



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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.

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

Called to Worship, Empowered to Serve