

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Michael Parker

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Dr. 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.

**PRELUDE** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" arr. Brent Olstad  
Wally West, saxophone

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Inspired by Psalm 148**

Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

**Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!**

Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

**All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!**

Come, let us joyfully praise God!

**Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness.**

Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 134** "Joy to the World"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** Laura Roberson

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Saving God, how easy to forget the joy of Christmas morning.**

**It's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are**

**exhausted. In the bustle of the moment when pressures of this**

**world obscure our vision of the next it is easy to forget the gift**

**so undeserved and free. People have come and gone;**

**gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the**

**"normalcy" of life returning to us. With cards and baubles**

**packed away and thank you letters sent, forgive our short term**

**memory. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those**

**who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at**

**all times. As one year leads to next, lead us on a journey to**

**new beginnings in our relationship with you so that we may be**

**strengthened for joyful service in your name.**

(silent prayers of confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 583** "Glory to God"

(1st time, all sing together. 2nd and 3rd times, women begin,

men follow, choir follows as a canon.)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God,**

**glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**And also with you.**

\*Those who are able may stand.

**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.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, page 235 pew Bible

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:41-52, page 55 pew Bible

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "And a Little Child Shall Lead Them"  
Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

**\*HYMN 37** "Let All Things Now Living"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – written by Nathan Nettleton

**We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us. We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child. We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living. And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.**

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** "O Holy Night" arr. Brent Olstad  
Wally West, saxophone

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 616**

"Our God Is an Awesome God"

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!**

**\*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 136** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE, HYMN 88, verse 7**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**POSTLUDE** "The First Noel" arr. Brent Olstad  
Please be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly so others may hear.

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We welcome Wally West to our service today and are grateful to him for sharing his musical gifts in our service.

**Acolyte:** Matt Gundaker

**Scripture Reader:** Matt Winters

**Parking Lot Greeter:** Mitchell Hunt

**Door Greeters:** Taunee Colmery and Susanne McIntire

**Welcome Desk:** May Williams

**Church Opener:** Parks Williams **Church Closer:** Stan Dixon

**Sound:** Carter Walton **Video:** Rachel Young

**Breakfast Set-up/Clean-up:** Faith Formation

**Collection Counters:** Jack Barry and Evelyn Nadler

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

**PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION**

- **Katherine Poole** was hospitalized due to a fall on 12/25; she is in rehab at Camden Place.
- **Dwayne Connor**, Donna Bailey's cousin Jamie's husband, died on 12/24. They have two sons, ages 6 and 8.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:** Sunday School for all ages will resume on January 6, 2019.

**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.

**YEAR-END GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS** may be delivered to the church office weekdays between 9am-5 pm. **Please have all 2018 year-end contributions into the office no later than noon, Monday, December 31,** or visit our [www.starmountpres.org](http://www.starmountpres.org) to give online anytime on or before December 31.

**COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS** are due by **Monday morning, December 31.** Please email to Brenda Triplett at [brenda@starmountpres.org](mailto:brenda@starmountpres.org).

**CHURCH OFFICES & PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** The church offices will be closed on **January 1st.** The Preschool will resume on January 3rd.

**ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS:** The new class of 2021 Elders will be installed next Sunday, **January 6.**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA CDs AVAILABLE:** CDs are available for anyone to share with those who missed the service, or who wish to hear it again. There is no charge for the CDs, but we would not discourage a small donation to the Music Fund if anyone is so inclined.

**STARMOUNT BRIDGE GROUP** is looking for new players. Participants should understand the basics, but all levels of skill are welcome. Contact Pat Hall at [pthall@infionline.net](mailto:pthall@infionline.net) to join.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

*(See "Volunteer Opportunities" Notebook in the Narthex)*

- **YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNER:** Starmount hosts a dinner at the YWCA family shelter on the second Monday of each month. **Food donations are needed for the January 14th Chili Dinner!** Sign up in the Narthex to help or to organize another dinner in 2019.
- **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.

**THIS WEEK AT STARMOUNT**

<p><b>SUNDAY, December 30</b>  <b>9am</b>          Continental Breakfast  <b>No Sunday School</b>  <b>10 a.m.</b>          Worship  <b>5:30-6:30 p.m.</b>          Yoga Class, Rm 321  <b>7-8 p.m.</b>          Co-ed Restorative Yoga Class,          Rm 321</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, January 1</b>  <b>Happy New Year!</b>          Church Offices &amp; Preschool Closed</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, January 2</b>  <b>11:30am-1pm</b>          UKirk Lunch at Holderness House  <b>8-10pm</b>          Guinness and the Good News</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, January 3</b>  <b>7:30-8:30am</b>          Faith Exploration Study, River Landing  <b>11:30am-12:30pm</b>          Yoga Class: Out of the Chair, Rm 321  <b>5:45-6:30pm</b>          Stroller Strides, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, January 4</b>  <b>9:30-10:30am</b>          Yoga Class, Room 321  <b>11:30am-12:30pm</b>          Chair Yoga Class, Rm 321</p> <p><b>LOOKING AHEAD—</b>  <b>SUNDAY, January 6</b>  <b>8:45am</b>          Continental Breakfast  <b>9-9:45am</b>          Sunday School          Small Groups  <b>10 a.m.</b>          Worship          Installation of New Elders  <b>11:15 a.m.</b>          PW Board Meeting, Rm 315  <b>5:30-6:30 p.m.</b>          Yoga Class, Rm 321  <b>6-7pm</b>          Building &amp; Grounds, Rm 414  <b>7-8 p.m.</b>          Co-ed Restorative Yoga Class,          Rm 321</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

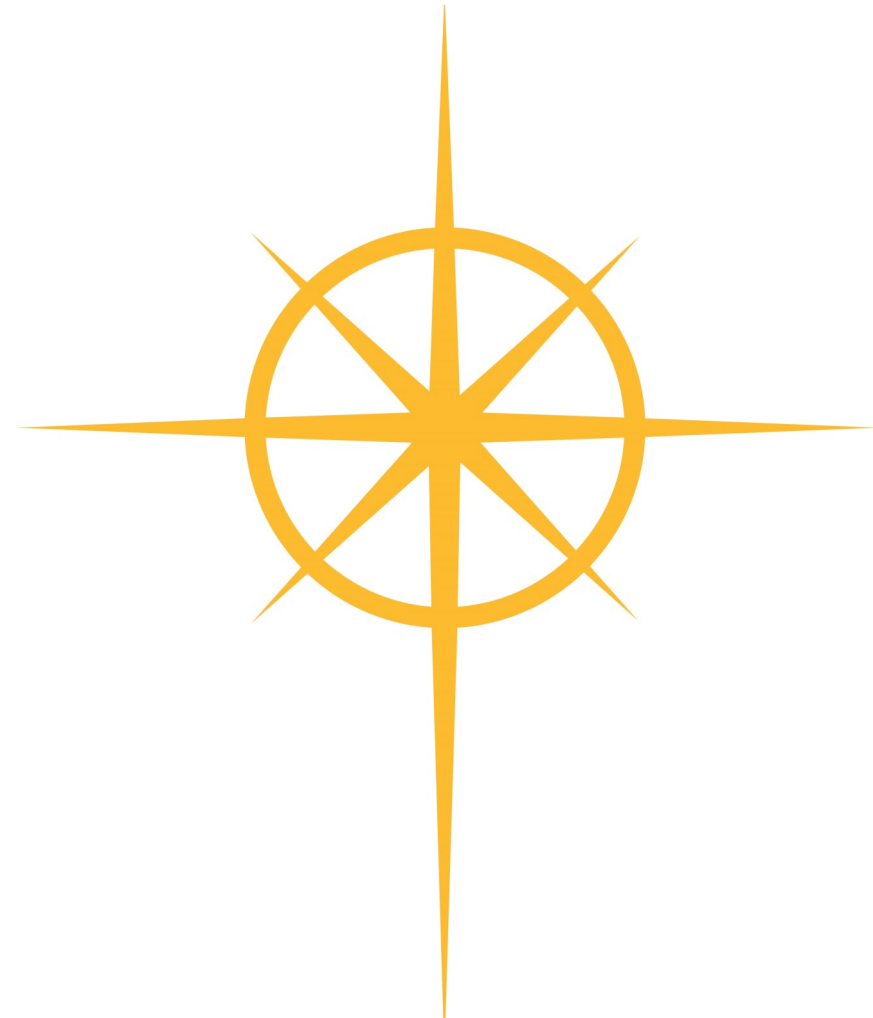
**Cindy Lee**, Director of Children's Ministry  
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*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We've seen his star in the east,  
and we've come to honor him.  
Matthew 2:2*

**Called to Worship. Empowered to Serve.**