

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

In this sacred space, trust in the Holy Spirit.

On this sabbath day, take delight in Jesus Christ.

Among the faithful, commit your way to the Lord.

Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness!

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, we come seeking your forgiveness this day. While you love out of abundance, all too often we act from a place of scarcity.

Forgive us Lord when:

We invest love only where it can be repaid.

We share mercy only where it yields gain.

We do good only to those who think well of us.

We extend kindness only to those with whom

we agree.

Grant us a measure of your mercy, O God, and help us to be merciful to others. (silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:27-36

SERMON *Eating Our Vegetables* Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM *My Grateful Spirit Sings*, Sally DeFord
Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Offering boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Gifts may also be made online at starmountpres.org.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Confession of Belhar

We believe

In the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe

That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe

That this unity of the people of God must be manifested in a variety of ways; **in that we love one another, that we pursue community with one another, and that we give ourselves joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.**

We believe

That God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe

That God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also hatred, bitterness and enmity. It will enable the church to live in new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

BENEDICTION

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Services – Join us on Ash Wednesday, March 2, as we begin the season of Lent. From Noon – 1 pm we will be offering a drive-thru Ash Wednesday service and at 5:30 pm there will be a service in the Sanctuary.

2022 Confirmation Class – Laura Roberson will be holding an informational meeting for parents and youth on Tuesday, Feb. 22, for those who are interested in being in the 2022 confirmation class. please reach out to Laura Roberson at laura@starmountpres.org for more information.

February Mission Collection – Celebrate Valentine's Day this month with a special act of love. We are collecting non-perishables for local food pantries all month long! Drop canned goods, rice, peanut butter, and other non-perishable protein sources in the bins in the gathering space to support this mission collection.

Starmount Preschool Spring Consignment Sale – Starmount Preschool will be hosting their Spring Consignment Sale March 10 – 12. They are looking for consigners, volunteers, and shoppers. If you are interested in consigning, please email starmountpreschoolsale@gmail.com.

PW Retreat at Montreat – Presbyterian Women will be hosting their 2022 Women's Retreat, "Discovering Beauty & Joy: A Spiritual Discipline", at Montreat, March 25 – 27. Price is \$130 for the entire weekend! Click the QR code below to register.

Montreat Youth Conference – Any youth in grades 8 and up are invited to join us for the Youth Conference at Montreat, June 5 – 11. If interested please register and make your \$50 deposit before Tuesday, Feb. 22. Click on the QR code below to register.



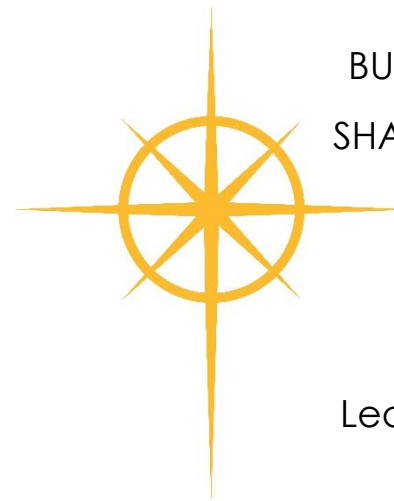
PW Retreat



Youth Retreat

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

Please consider participating in our live-streamed service when you can't make it to church. Each Sunday's service can be found on starmountpres.org and youtube.com/StarmountPres



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