

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 834 *Precious Lord
In Christ Alone*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life.

Therefore, our lips will praise you.

We will bless you as long as we live.

We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

For you have been our help

and in your presence, we sing for joy.

Written by John Paarlberg

OPENING MUSIC *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*
Chris Tomlin

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Book of Common Worship

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 55:1-9**

SERMON *To Whom Do We Look?* **Laura Roberson**

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep from Singing*, Greg Gilpin
Starmount Chancel Choir
Wiley Sykes, percussion

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

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

Book of Order F-1.01

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 743 *O God, You Are My God (sing twice)*

BENEDICTION

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](https://www.youtube.com/StarmountPres)

Question of the day: I/We love Starmount because...

Announcements

Way Forward Congregational Gathering - We encourage everyone to join us after worship today to hear about and discuss the Way Forward Plan adopted by Session. Members of the Way Forward group and Session will share exciting news regarding upcoming changes to our organizational structure and opportunities for all to engage in ministry. Small group discussions will occur to gather your questions and feedback.

38th Annual Bach's Lunch - We are delighted to once again offer our community live, and in person concerts March 21 - 25. All concerts begin at 12:15 pm and will be 30 - 45 minutes in length. There will be **no lunch** following the concerts this year. Please check out the Bach's Lunch page on our website to see a list of who will be performing.

Easter Lilies - This Easter, honor or remember someone special by purchasing an Easter Lily for \$15.50 per plant or donating to the Mission Committee or Susan White Helping Hands Fund. Order forms can be found on the Gathering Space desk. All forms and donations must be in by **Sunday, April 3rd**, and all lilies will be in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17. If you'd prefer to pay online, you can scan the QR code to the right.



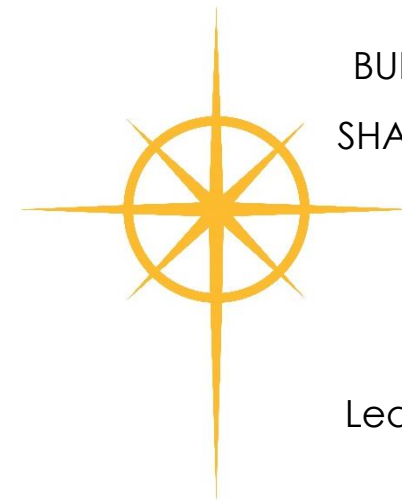
Pennies for Hunger Collection - During this time of reflection the Mission Committee encourages you to make a donation of pennies...or dollars... to help feed the hungry. You can donate in the following ways: drop your donation in the offering box on Sunday, bring a donation to the church office, mail in or give online with the QR code on the right. All your donations will be matched by the Mission Committee!



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! Please call the church office at (336) 299-8131 ext. 110 to register or scan the QR code on the right to register.



Pine Straw - If you are interested in purchasing pine straw with proceeds from the sale benefiting future mission trips, please contact Neil Huffman at mnhuff@earthlink.net.



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