

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*
HYMN 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*
(sung 3 times)

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we are invited to a joyful feast,
hosted by Jesus Christ.

All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

All who thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

All who are lost will find safety here.

All who are lonely will find a friend here.

All who are broken will find healing here.

**All who have been wandering will find a
restful home here.**

**For this is a heavenly banquet, and all are
welcome here. Let us worship God!**

OPENING MUSIC

Rivers of Babylon
Evyne Franklin, Jenny & Mary Overman

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, when we see clearly the path we should
follow, yet still choose our own way, forgive us. When we
recognize you in the suffering of others, yet still turn our
backs, forgive us. When our loved ones need words of
encouragement, yet we speak with anger, forgive us.
When we want you to heal us and make us new, but
doubt that you can or will, forgive us. We often fail to be
true to who we are, O God, so we have no right to ask
this, but we ask you to be true to who you are and forgive
us once again.**
(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 137

SERMON *"Sermons We See: Glossing Over Grief"*
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM *The Whisper*, Craig Courtney
Starmount Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY **Earth Care Congregation**

Offering boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary.
Gifts may also be made online at starmountpres.org.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from the Belhar Confession

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the
unity of the communion of saints of the entire human
family. And we believe that this unity of the people of
God must be manifest and active, in that we love one
another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to
one another, that we share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with
one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the
depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC

***HYMN 840** *When Peace Like a River*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Announcements

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for the month of
October: October 2 – CROP Walk, stay after church for lunch
or come back at 1:30 to carpool to the walk; October 10 -
Second Monday Moe's, come for dinner at Moe's @Friendly,
Laura will be there from 6 – 7:30; October 16th – NC State Fair,
RSVP by Oct. 10th to go to the fair as a group after worship;
October 30th – Pumpkin Bash, Help run games and paint faces!
Contact Laura for additional information
laura@starmountpres.org.

Simple Moms Book Club will meet October 5, 12, 19 & 26 from
9:30 – 11 am in the church parlor. We will read a chapter of
"Simplicity Parenting" each week and meet for discussion.
Childcare will be provided. For more information, contact the
church office.

Blood Drive – Starmount will be hosting the One Blood Big Red
Bus on Saturday, October 8 from 9 am – 2 pm. If you are
interested in donating blood please call the office to reserve a
time slot.

Just Lunch - Join us following church on October 9 for **Just
Lunch**. We will be going to The Porter House Restaurant, 4608
W. Market Street, with everyone paying their own bill. Children
and visitors are welcome! Please sign up at the information
desk after church or call the church office.

GUM Food Drive is back! Starmount will be volunteering at the
Walmart Neighborhood Grocery Store at Guilford College on
Friday and Saturday, October 14 & 15. If you can donate a 2-
hour block of time either of those days, please contact the
church office.

Candy Donations needed for the **October 30, 2022, Pumpkin
Bash!** Drop off individually wrapped candy on Sunday mornings
or at the church office during the week. Watch you bulletin,
newsletter, and weekly emails for updates on this event for
children 5th grade and under.

Earth Care Congregation Team will be in the narthex following
worship to talk about the mission of this new team and the
process for Starmount to become an Earth Care Congregation.

Earth Care Tip!

**Do you take walks or runs around your neighborhood?
Take a bag and safely pick up trash on your way. This
helps keep our streams and creeks clean and
prevents harm to animals.**

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship
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