

October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

HYMN 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Sung 2x

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Let us worship God today –

Because we are God's people.

Let us worship God.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hard truths and honest living, You call us to love our neighbor. About this, you could not be clearer.

Forgive us when we turn away, pass by, and carry on.

Forgive us when we feign ignorance, create unnecessary complication, and look for loopholes. Forgive us when

we are more creative about justifying our actions than we are about acting for justice. Forgive us when our

preoccupation with being right, successful, or holy means we do not even notice when you are here in our

midst. You call us to love our neighbor. Forgive us when we fail.

(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 729

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
in My Heart*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

"Prayer-ables: Pray Always"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Coming Home, Mary McDonald

Starmount 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 1967 Section 9.50

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others.

Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 469**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
sung 2x

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Announcements

The Ministry Team Leader meeting scheduled for today immediately following the worship service will meet in Room 319.

The Hiring Group that is conducting the search process for our next Director of Music is requesting your input. They are holding listening sessions during the month of October at various times and in various ways (virtual & in person) in hopes that many of you will be able to attend. Look for sign-up links in your weekly email, signup in the Narthex today, or contact the church office for more information.

Children's Choir will have their next rehearsal on October 23 following the Worship Service! Contact Rhonda Overman, rhondaoverman@northstate.net or Cindy Lee, cindy@starmountpres.org for more information.

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for the month of October: October 30 – Pumpkin Bash, help run activities and have dinner! Contact Laura for additional information laura@starmountpres.org.

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 your bulletin, newsletter, and weekly emails for updates on this event for children 5th grade and under.

Kirkin' O the Tartans and Reformation Sunday is on October 30 There are 26 tartans at Starmount. If you have a Tartan and are willing to carry it in a parade that Sunday or would like to participate in the celebration by helping carry a Tartan, please contact Parks Williams at mayparks@bellsouth.net.

Stewardship Sunday is November 16! Be sure to check the weekly email, bulletin & newsletter for updates and announcements.

All Church Retreat November 18-20! Friday 6pm to 8pm there will be a cookout and a program of fun and fellowship; Saturday 9am to 12pm we will look at Numbers 27 and the daughters of Zelophehad and participate in a stocking stuffer mission project; Sunday 11:30am to 1pm will be our Advent Workshop! Check your emails and newsletter for more details and registration information.

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

Robert Overman, Director of Worship Arts

Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

Laura Roberson, Director of Youth & Refugee Ministries



**Welcome to Sunday Worship
October 16, 2022 · 10:00 a.m.**