

GATHERING MUSIC**HYMN 749***Come! Live in the Light!***HYMN 742***We Will Walk with God (sing 3x)***WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

Andy Eversole, banjo

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, this world is complicated, and we make mistakes. We speak when we should listen, and we stay silent when the world needs to hear us. We take it upon ourselves to dictate the worth of others and we allow others to dictate our worth. Some of this we do knowingly and some of this we do unconsciously. All of this breaks your heart. We know this. So break open our hearts, instead. Break our hearts wide open, that we might more fully receive your love, that we might live the way you wish for us.

(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 32***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 18: 9 - 14

SERMON "Prayer-ables: Humility" Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**ANTHEM**

Andy Eversole, banjo

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**David Wallace - Stewardship**

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 741Guide My Feet***BENEDICTION*****Please stand in body or spirit**

*The flowers today are given in memory of my parents' wedding anniversary by Frances Gallagher.

Announcements

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, sign up in the Narthex today, or contact the church office for more information.

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

The Mission Ministry serves many agencies, with one of them being Triad Health Project (THP). While we provide ongoing support throughout the year, we provide a special focus for THP during the Advent season with our Stocking Stuffers and Angel Tree projects. This year we are linking the Stocking Stuffers with the All-Church Retreat as the mission project that Saturday morning participants will undertake, as part of that day's curriculum. Please consider purchasing these suggested items to fill the Stockings and placing them in the collection bin in the Gathering Space **before Sunday, November 13**. Generic pairs of socks, winter gloves, toboggans, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, lotions, soaps, hand sanitizers, small cans of soup, fruit, protein items, pens, pencils, small writing pads, small paperback books, or devotionals.

Many thanks to all who participated in Greensboro Urban Ministry's (GUM) 42nd annual CROP Walk, whether by walking or generously donating. We had eight energetic folks from Starmount who made 12 laps around the coliseum concourse (due to bad weather from Ian). We collected a total of \$532, of which \$133 will go to GUM's Potter House. The remainder will go toward feeding the hungry in various parts of the world through Church World Services. So, again, thanks to all for your generosity.

The GUM Food Drive was a huge success! Starmount had 18 amazing volunteers collect 5,838 pounds of food and \$591 dollars over the two days for the Greensboro Urban Ministry food pantry!

Become a member of Starmount- On **November 13**, we will receive new members into the Starmount community. If you are not a member, please consider joining us to build a better community. To learn more, email Scott Lawson at scott@starmountpres.org.

Pumpkin Bash October 30, 2022 All children 5th grade and under are invited to join us at the church on October 30, 3 – 5 pm, for crafts, face paint, inflatables and fun!!!

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.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans and Reformation Sunday are 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 13! Be sure to check the weekly email, bulletin & newsletter for updates and announcements.

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

Earth Care Tip!

Glass is no longer accepted in residential recycling containers (carts or dumpsters), but one of the drop-off locations for glass is conveniently located at Starmount Presbyterian (beside the dumpsters on Ardale Place). Glass bottles and jars should be **empty, clean, and dry**. Lids, caps, and corks *cannot be recycled with the glass* and should be put in the trash. Labels can be left on the bottles and jars. Just bring your bottles and jars when you come to church!

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship
October 23, 2022 · 10:00 a.m.**