

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, you called us by name to come,  
and we respond with delight and gladness.

**In joyful obedience,  
we come to worship our God.**

Rising out of the depths of despair,  
we gratefully gather for worship.

**In joyful hope,  
we come to worship our loving God.**

Our God has given us a new song  
of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

**In joyful trust,  
we come to worship our God. Amen.**

*Written by Joan Stott*

**OPENING MUSIC**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Book of Common  
Worship)*

**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.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE**

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

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.**

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 688** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Verse 1 & 2 – all  
V. 3 – treble voices  
V. 4 – bass voices  
V. 5 - all

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 1: 35 – 42

**SERMON** "Come & See"  
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

**ANTHEM** *A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*  
LJ White  
Evyne Franklin and Jada Poteat

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**  
**Rhiannon Kelly – North Carolina African Services Coalition**

Offering boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary.  
Gifts may also be made online at [starmountpres.org](http://starmountpres.org).

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from Confession of 1967  
**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one  
universal family. In his reconciling love, God overcomes  
the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks  
down every form of discrimination based on racial or  
ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called  
to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as  
persons in all relationships of life: in employment,  
housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church,  
and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church  
labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and  
ministers to those injured by it. Congregations,  
individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude,  
dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the  
Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they  
profess.** 9.44a

**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 442** *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

**BENEDICTION**

\*Please stand in body or spirit

**Announcements**

**Following today's service** please join us in room 319 for a  
presentation from **Rhiannon Kelly of North Carolina African  
Services Coalition** regarding their ministry and needs.

**Save the Date!** Our 2023 Women's Retreat, "A Seat at the  
Table" will be March 3 - 5, 2023 at Montreat! Be sure to check  
your upcoming Starmount emails and bulletin for more details!

On **January 22, 2023** there will be a special collection for the  
**Susan White Helping Hands Fund**, with all donations going  
directly to Starmount Preschool scholarships.

**Mardi Gras Night** – February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Pancakes, Bingo,  
King Cake & more!

**Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY)** activities for the month of  
January: **January 15** – Game Night! Come to the church for  
dinner and games! 5:18 – 8 since there's no school the next  
day; **January 29** – SPY, Meet for dinner and a craft night! We  
will make something to use during the season of Lent for  
reflection and prayer. Contact Laura for additional information  
[laura@starmountpres.org](mailto:laura@starmountpres.org).

**Starmount Homework Helpers** is up and running!  
If you are interested in supporting by transporting  
students, providing meals or snacks, or serving as  
a homework helper please contact Laura,  
[laura@starmountpres.org](mailto:laura@starmountpres.org), or use the QR code.





### **Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff**

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Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

Laura Roberson Hadas, Director of Youth & Refugee  
Ministries

**Welcome to Sunday Worship**  
**January 15, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.**