

January 22, 2023 Third Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING MUSIC

HYMN 840 *When Peace Like a River vs. 1 & 4*

GATHERING PRAYER

Prayer 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.

PRELUDE

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 840 *When Peace Like a River*
He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 465** *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4: 12 - 23

SERMON "Missed Opportunity"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

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INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Susan White Helping Hands

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised
on the third day, and that he appeared
first to the women, then to Peter, and to
the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

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 157

I Danced in the Morning

BENEDICTION

*Please stand in body or spirit

Announcements

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 5, after worship.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, February 5. This will serve as the Annual Meeting of the congregation, the purpose of which will be to hear a Financial & Budget Report and to vote on the updated Pastor's Terms of Call.

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

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!

Mardi Gras Night – Friday, February 17 at 6:00 pm. Pancakes, Bingo, King Cake & more!

Ash Wednesday Services Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 22, as we begin the season of Lent with a service in the Sanctuary and with a meal to follow in Fellowship Hall. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for the month of January: **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.

Legacy & Estate Planning Workshop following worship on Sunday, March 19, with Lunch provided. Check your emails and bulletins in the upcoming weeks for more information.

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, or use the QR code.





Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

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Welcome to Sunday Worship
January 22, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.