

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 701

Lord, Prepare Me

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secret is hidden: we offer our sincere praise to you this day. We thank you, we love you, we glorify you! Send your Holy Spirit upon us that our worship may magnify your holy name. Create within us a sanctuary in which you are pleased to dwell. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess that all too often we fail to be what you created us to be. There are times when we wander from your ways, waste your gifts, and forget your love. By your loving mercy, grant us forgiveness, and help us to live in your light. (silent prayers)

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 729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

SERMON

"Blessed Happiness"
Rev. Scott Lawson

ANTHEM

O Love
by Elaine Hagenberg

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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

from "A Brief Statement of Faith" PC(USA)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, who alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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 803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

*The flowers today are given by Cynthia Knust with grateful thanks for the birth and life of Kenard Knust.

If you are interested in **reserving flowers** for a future Sunday, please contact Jinny Buchanan at jinnybug@mindspring.com to reserve your Sunday.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting, next 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.

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

Just Lunch - Join us following church on February 19 for **Just Lunch**. We will meet at a nearby restaurant, with everyone paying their own bill. Children and visitors are welcome! Watch for location details to follow.

Ash Wednesday Service - Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00pm, as we begin the season of Lent with a Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall followed by a service. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for **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.

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship
January 29, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.**