

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC *This Little Light of Mine*
Traditional African American Hymn

GATHERING PRAYER

As you cause the sun to rise, O God, bring the light of Christ to dawn in our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ's glory; and let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our words, and his healing in our touch, that all may give him praise, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Written by Rev. Iona MacLean)

Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.
(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 769** *For Everyone Born*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5: 13 - 20

SERMON "So That..."
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
Handbells

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
Florida Mission Trip
Neil Huffman, Greg Rechten

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 (Sections 9.21-22)
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them inspite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC *Gather Us In*
Starmount Chancel Choir

***HYMN 836** *Abide With Me*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Announcements

Open Choir: We invite all music lovers to join our "open choir" on February 19th. NO previous musical knowledge is necessary, only the desire to make a joyful noise! We'll meet the morning of **2/19 at 9am** (no need to come to any Wednesday night choir rehearsals), and put together an accessible, yet fulfilling choral anthem. We're super eager to lift up the Lord in song with you! Questions about open choir can be emailed to Jada Poteat at jadapoteat@gmail.com.

Congregational Meeting, today 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.

Pennies for Hunger Collection February 12 - The Mission Committee encourages you to make a donation of pennies...or dollars... to help feed the hungry. You can donate in the following ways: drop your donation in the offering box on Sunday, bring a donation to the church office, mail in or give online. Find the link to give online on the church website or in your church email.

The Women of the Church are hosting a drop in **baby shower for Jaimie Irvan** on Sunday, **February 12** at 11:15am in the parlor. Jaimie already has plenty of pink clothing. Check your email for the online link to her Amazon Baby Registry.

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

Just Lunch - Join us following church on Sunday, **February 19** for 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 **February: – 13th – Second Monday Moe's;** Come to dinner at Moe's @ Friendly. Laura will be there from 6-7:30pm! **17th – Mardi Gras Night;** Come to church for a pancake night! 6pm in Fellowship Hall. **22nd – Ash Wednesday;** Join your church family for the Ash Wednesday service. Contact Laura for additional information. laura@starmountpres.org.

Women's Retreat - "A Seat at the Table" - Registration is now open! Join us as we travel to Montreat, **March 3-5**, for our annual Women's Retreat! This year's speaker is Laura Roberson Hadas. Total cost of the retreat is \$130 with a \$50 deposit due at time of registration. Check your email for the online link to register or contact the church office.



Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship
February 5, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.**