

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 66

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*PRAYER *(from Feasting on the Word)*

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Feasting on the Word)*

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.

(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 447

We Are Forgiven

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

*HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13

SERMON

"Spirit Led"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Sing Me to Heaven
By Daniel Gawthrop

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)*

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. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

BENEDICTION

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Parks & May Williams in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary which is today!

Announcements

Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday! We hope you will find it to be an uplifting and meaningful experience. If you are a **guest or visitor**, we invite you to stop by our information desk in the Narthex (entry space). We have a gift for you as well as some information about our wonderful community of faith. If you feel comfortable sharing your contact information, we invite you to also fill out a visitor card.

Families with young children are invited to stop by the children's corner in the Narthex. Here you can check in your children for nursery care and staff can direct you to our downstairs classrooms. There are also worship/activity bags available.

Where is my newsletter? Starting with the June edition of the Star Press, Starmount Presbyterian Church is moving from paper to digital delivery for many of our newsletter subscribers. More information can be found in your weekly emails or on the handout in the narthex.

Earth Care Sunday - Starmount Presbyterian Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program this year! We will celebrate Earth Care Sunday on **June 4th**. The Earth Care Team will present "10 Simple Things" Understanding how our everyday actions can impact the world entrusted to us! A Short Conversation Lead by Lorelei Elkins, Community Environmental Program's Specialist, will occur following worship in room 319.

"Summer Choir" is "Open Choir"! Beginning **Sunday, June 4th**, the anthem for that morning's worship will be practiced at 9:00am. Anyone and everyone is welcome to learn it and sing it in worship! The anthems chosen will be simple and easy to learn quickly for anyone with any musical experience. This is a great opportunity to share your talents and gifts with the church, and also a great opportunity to try singing with a choir if music and singing bring you joy! Anyone high school aged and beyond with any level of musical training (even none!) is WELCOME! Please contact Sarah if you have any questions.

Join us for a class on how to use Realm! Whether you have already been using Realm or are a complete beginner, this class is for you! We will learn as a group and will have volunteers to work one-on-one with attendees. Bring the phone or tablet that you will use to access Realm. You must be able to access your email on your phone or tablet to participate. The class will be held on **June 11th following worship** in Room 319. **Register by June 6th** by clicking the link in your email or call the church office.

Prayer Group Interest - If you have interest in hearing more about a prayer group that is forming during the month of June, please contact Charlie. This group would meet following the service, share prayer requests, and learn different methods of prayer. If we have sufficient interest, this group will begin June 11th.

Greensboro Grasshoppers – Join us for a night of baseball and fireworks on **Friday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm**. Tickets are \$11 each and can be purchased on Sundays at church from Vicki Winters or Stan Dixon or from the church office during the week.

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

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