

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

PRAYER

From the very beginning Lord, when you made covenant with your people, you blessed us so that we might be a blessing to the world. As we lift up our voices in song and lift up our hearts in prayer, may our worship today be a blessing to you. Prepare our hearts to receive your Spirit and may our praise be a sweet sound within your ears. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from -Teri Ott, The Presbyterian Outlook)

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?" "Even them?!" Forgive us when we are quick to judge others, when we prioritize the privileged and the powerful. Help us remember, your grace is not earned and never deserved, but you extend that grace freely to the sinner, the outcast, the marginalized, and even to us. May your grace wash over us so that we may show mercy as you show mercy.

(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 305**

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12: 1 - 9

SERMON

"Blessed to Bless"
Rev. Scott Lawson

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace
arr. John Ness Beck

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 - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 331**

God of the Ages

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Roger & Cilie Sutton in memory of their parents Sara & Charles Baker and Betty & Alex Sutton.

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.

Elder Nominations for class of 2026 – It's time to submit your nominations for the Elder class of 2026. To nominate someone, you can use the link in your weekly email, email the office at info@starmountpres.org or call the office at (336) 299-8131 ext. 110.

Where is my newsletter? This month Starmount Presbyterian Church went from paper to digital delivery of our Star Press Newsletter for many of our newsletter subscribers. More information can be found on the handout in the narthex.

"Summer Choir" is "Open Choir"! Each Sunday this summer 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! You can find the anthems for the month of June in your weekly emails. 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! Join us after worship **today** to learn more about the many uses of Realm. You must be able to access your email on your phone or tablet to participate.

Prayer Group – Join us after worship **today** to share prayer requests and learn different methods of prayer.

Greensboro Grasshoppers – Join us for a night of baseball and fireworks on **Friday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm**. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased on Sundays at church from Vicki Winters or Stan Dixon or from the church office during the week.

Summer Book Conversation – Pastor Scott will guide this weekly discussion on the book, *Life Worth Living*, but the teaching, learning, and growing will be shared by all in the group. Our conversations will be on Zoom every Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m., **starting June 21st**, and will go for approximately 8 weeks into mid-August. For more information check your weekly emails or call the church office.

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