

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

GATHERING MUSIC

He is the Light

PRAYER

Lord God, in a universe that seems so immense it is easy to feel insignificant. Yet we know that we are precious in your sight - unique individuals loved and blessed in so many ways. We stand in awe of the one who has created all things and dedicate this time and all our days to your service. Accept this offering we pray, our sacrifice of praise and worship. Amen

OPENING MUSIC

Carter Walton, Piano

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Isaiah 58: 1-9)

Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice:

When we forget the fast you desire—

To do justice, and stand up for the powerless:

Lord, have mercy.

When we forget the prayer you love—

To show compassion, and care for those in need:

Christ, have mercy.

When we forget the rituals you require—

To create relationships of righteousness and peace:

Lord have mercy.

(Rev. Susan Bain)

(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 421

Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 24** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58: 6 - 12

SERMON

"Light Up The World"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

OUR LIFE TOGETHER**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY****Habitat for Humanity**

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**

Let Us Worship God with Justice

by David Gambrell

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Everette L. Lassiter, our father and grandfather. We love you and miss you! Linda L. Millen, Travis Millen, Melissa Millen; Cathie L. Bridges, Brandon Bridges; Christie L. Winkler, Courtney Butler, and Christopher Jasperse, and their families.

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.

Prayground – Today we will have a prayground space for children to learn & play during worship, multiple children's times during the service, and elements chosen to engage children. The nursery will still be available for families with children 2 and under if you choose.

Starmount Summer of Service – This summer, Starmount will be offering opportunities to volunteer at many agencies in our community:

- Saturday, Aug. 5, 8:30 am -3:30 pm - Habitat for Humanity Build

Please check your emails for more information and to sign up for these opportunities.

Pool Party – Everyone is invited to a Pool Party on Sunday, August 6 from 3:00 to 5:00pm at Hamilton Lakes Pool. If you have any questions contact Cindy Lee, cindy@starmountpres.org.

Weekly Email Moving to Friday - Be sure to check your inbox on Fridays around noon for the weekly SPC email detailing important information and events. This email will also contain links for Sunday's bulletin and to livestream the service. This will replace the two weekly emails on Wednesday and Sunday that members have received in the past.

Please be aware of email scams that appear to be sent from Charlie requesting immediate response. Charlie will not send those types of emails and always look for the @starmountpres.org from any staff member.

VBS – A Big Thank You! I just wanted to share that we had 55 kids, and 33 volunteers help at VBS this week! I want to say thank you to the congregation and the ministry teams for all their help! (Supplies/ Snacks and many volunteer hours.) **Thank You!** Cindy Lee

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

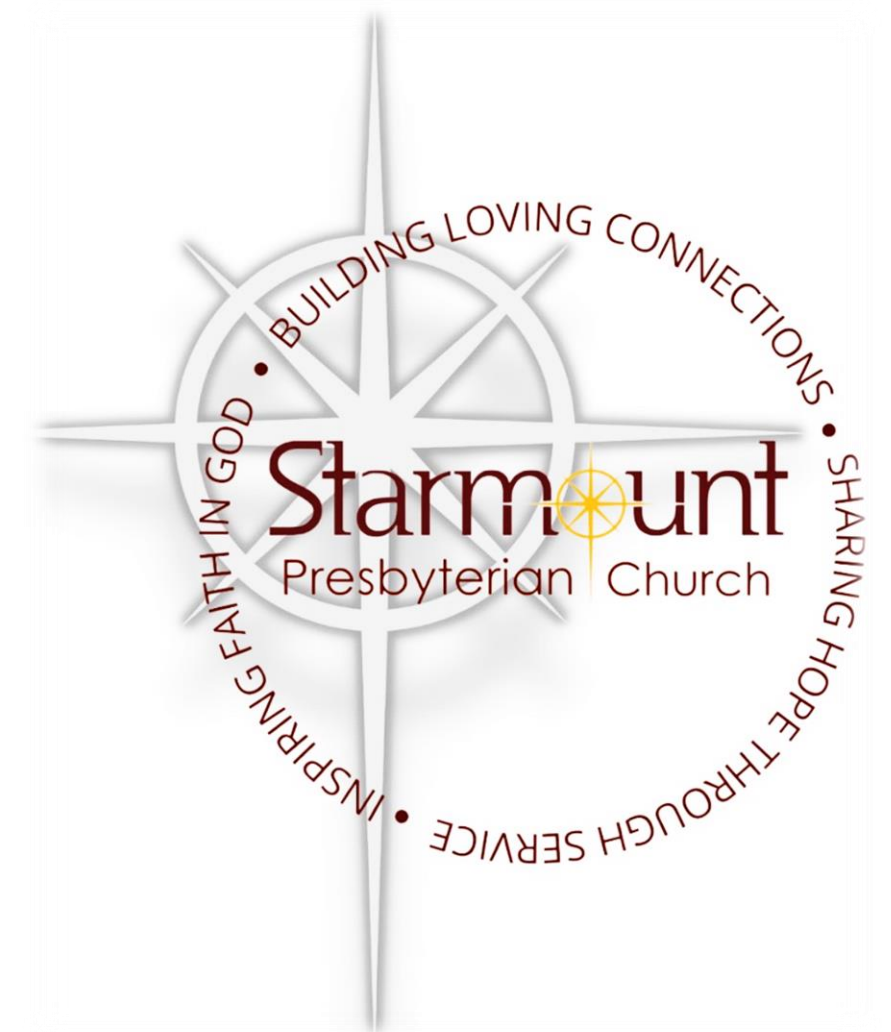
Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

Sarah Downey, Director of Music

Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

Laura Roberson Hadas, Director of Youth & Refugee
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