

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to hear the stories
of other people, in another world long ago.
We come to hear the stories
that are also about us, today in this place.
God, give us ears to listen,
eyes to see, hearts to accept.
Written by Joanna Harader

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 701 *Lord, Prepare Me*
HYMN 627 *I Love You, Lord*

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(written by Thom Shuman)*
God of glory, we would like to be fountains of hope for others, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope.
(Silent prayers)
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 447 *We Are Forgiven*

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2: 1 - 13

SERMON

"Grounded"
Rev. Scott Lawson

ANTHEM

In Remembrance
arr Lloyd Larson

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN 530 *One Bread, One Body*

***HYMN**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

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.

The congregation is invited to attend the marriage of Frances Gallagher and Ted Kallam on Saturday, October 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please let Frances or Ted know if you plan to attend by emailing, fgallagher@bellsouth.net or calling (704) 906-1687. (Please feel no obligation to bring a gift; we are blessed that you are choosing to share this special day with us.)

October Newsletter was emailed this morning. If you'd like a printed version you can find copies in the Narthex and the Gathering Space.

Interested in a book study, Bible study, or just a time to gather and learn more about your faith in a small group? Contact Charlie Lee, charlie@starmountpres.org to express your interest.

Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 8** to elect the class of 2026 Elders: Gary Anderson, Mary Cuadras, Kris Kattmann, Greg Rehtin and Leslie Webb.

During the service on **October 8**, we will welcome Frank Twum-Barimah for an interview style sermon. Frank will share a portion of his life story as well as describe his new effort to bring quality education to Ghana through the Orange Feather Community School.

CROP Walk Sunday is October 8, 2023. WEAR YOUR WALKING SHOES TO CHURCH because right after Worship, our mission will be to **Walk the Arboretum** together, helping fight hunger both locally and around the world. Then after working up an appetite, we'll join together for lunch (at a place to be determined). Please check your weekly emails for more information on how to donate.

Homework Helpers begins October 5! Please see your weekly email or contact Laura (laura@starmountpres.org) to volunteer. We need transportation, snack and dinner providers, and homework helpers to work with students.

Blood Drive, October 14, 2023, 9 am – 2 pm. Starmount will be hosting the One Blood, Big Red Bus again this year. Please check your weekly email for the registration link to sign up to donate blood.

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for the month of October:

October 2 – Burrito Buddies, come to Qdoba @ Friendly for dinner. Laura will be there from 6 – 7:30 pm

October 8 – CROP Walk, stay after worship at 10 am to walk the arboretum with your church family. Laura will have donuts to share!

October 15 – Sermon Talk-Back, meet after church to debrief and explore the themes of the sermon of the day. Lunch will be provided!

October 20 - GHS Tailgate, find Laura in the parking lot before heading into the football game! She will have food and drinks. Bring your friends! Contact Laura for additional information laura@starmountpres.org

Volunteers needed for Sunday morning nursery care. Cindy Lee is looking for help to care for our youngest members (ages 2 and under) while their parents worship. If you are interested in helping, please email Cindy, cindy@starmountpres.org.

Plastics Recycling –The Earth Care team is working with the NexTrex recycling program from August through January to collect plastic waste. Accepted items can be found on the box and in your weekly email.

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship
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