

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come like Philip: following the angels, waiting for a word from the Spirit.

So breathe your Word into us, O God, that we might have boldness to speak to the stranger on the road, to proclaim the good news about Jesus, to love one another. Let us dwell within your deep love for us.

Let us live within the truth of Scripture:

Perfect love casts out all fear. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 413

Come Into God's Presence

PRAYER**OPENING MUSIC****SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You are the one who can bring good out of anything and everything. You can redeem all things, all people, all circumstances. Do that with us today. Turn us around and save us — from our gone-wrong-ness, our giving-up-ness, our bent-out-of-shape-ness, our down-in-the-mouth-ness, our burned-out-ness, our broken-and-bruised-ness. Lift our hearts in hope. Gift us with your vision. Guide our feet in your ways.

(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION***HYMN**

He Leadeth Me

(lyrics can be found on the back of the bulletin)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8: 26 – 38

SERMON

"Known"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Who at My Door is Standing?

by K. Lee Scott

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.

***HYMN 518**

Your Only Son

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim and Jean Fisher in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

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.)

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 Rechten 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.

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 Ministries

Lyrics to He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

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