

October 15, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

God's goodness and mercy are always close.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(credit John Wurster & The Presbyterian Outlook)

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 447

We Are Forgiven

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

SERMON

Laura Roberson Hadas

ANTHEM

That Holy Place

by Sally DeFord

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.

LITANY FOR DISCIPLES

I believe I need a shepherd.

Because I am sometimes timid and

other times overconfident,

because I often don't know the best path

yet pretend I do,

because I rush into dead ends or lead others into

hazardous places,

because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness,

because the things I crave may not be what is good for

me, I need a shepherd.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;

his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,

his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,

his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden,

his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.

I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,

that I dwell under his care by virtue of sheer grace,

that the love he gives me is to be shared with others,

that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me.

I trust Jesus, the good shepherd.

By Bruce Prewer

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 802**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

If you are interested in **reserving flowers** for a future Sunday, please contact Jinny Buchanan at jinnybug@mindspring.com or (336) 549-4674 to reserve your Sunday.

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, Sunday, October 15, 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.

Connections Event, "The Greatest Hits!" – Join us for an unforgettable dinner experience on **Wednesday, October 18, 6 – 7 pm**, in Fellowship Hall. Bring your all-time favorite covered dish/pot-luck, salad, soup, side, whatever!!! Drinks will be provided. No Need to RSVP.

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

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

Homework Helpers began October 5! We meet weekly on Thursday from 4-5:30pm. We need transportation, snack and dinner providers, and homework helpers to work with students. Contact Laura (laura@starmountpres.org) for more information!

'Tis the Season! The Chancel Choir has begun practicing the **Christmas Cantata!** This work will be presented during worship on Sunday, December 10th. If anyone has ever considered being a part of the Choir in general or the Cantata specifically, please consider this your official invitation to join us in learning and presenting this work. We began practicing the cantata, on Wednesday, October 4, during our regular rehearsal, from 7:30 until 8:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join us for just that part of rehearsal. Please contact Sarah if you have any questions, sarah@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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