

October 29, 2023

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 468

In My Life

PRAYER

You have revealed the beauty of your grace, which rescued us from a just condemnation and assured us of certain salvation in Christ. Grant us your grace that we may receive your forgiveness with thanksgiving. Use us as your witnesses in bringing the message of pardon in Christ to people everywhere. Open our eyes to a better understanding of your Word and a deeper appreciation of your grace that our faith in Christ Jesus may grow and flourish with the fruits of righteous living. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all,
the demands of your righteousness
are too hard for us to fulfill alone,
so we rush off with this excuse
and ignore your law.
You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more,
and we abuse this freedom
as if it were a license to selfishness,
self-indulgence and self-righteousness.
You give us the gift of grace,
yet we make it cheap without serious repentance.
We fail to see the power of your faithfulness.
We are your people, but do we know you as our God?
Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart.
Save us Lord from the sins we hide.

(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 425

Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 711**

Lord, of All Good

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 9

SERMON

"Investing in Children & Youth"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

When, in our Music, God is Glorified

by Hal H. Hopson

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

(edited excerpts from The Confession of 1967, 9.48-9.51)

Jesus Christ has given the church preaching and teaching, praise and prayer, and Baptism and the Lord's Supper as means of fulfilling its service of God among all people. These gifts remain, but the church is obliged to change the forms of its service in ways appropriate to different generations and cultures. God instructs the church and equips it for mission through preaching and teaching. By these, when they are carried on in fidelity to the Scriptures and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the people hear the word of God and accept and follow Christ. The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. And in baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Response: We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength

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 717**

For the Life That You Have Given

BENEDICTION

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.

Pumpkin Bash 2023, TODAY, 3 – 5 pm. Come by for trunk or treating, games, face painting, and inflatables. Please contact Cindy Lee (cindy@starmountpres.org) if you are interested in decorating your trunk or if you would like to donate candy or non-edible treats.

All Saints Sunday is November 5. Join us in remembering those in our Starmount family that we've lost this past year.

Join us on Sunday, November 5 after worship for lunch in Fellowship Hall for a presentation from the Finance Ministry on the Narrative Budget and table discussions.

Join the stewardship campaign! Stop by the table in the narthex to share with us why you give to the church. We want the entire community to see how our giving makes an impact!

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

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

November 6 – Burrito Buddies – Come to Qdoba @Friendly for dinner. Laura will be there from 6 – 7:30 pm.

November 19 – Game Night! – Come for a night of pizza, Mario Kart and other games. Invite a friend!

November 26 – Sermon Talk-Back – Meet after church to debrief and explore the themes of the sermon of the day.

Lunch will be provided!

Contact Laura for additional information

laura@starmountpres.org

*Please stand in body or spirit

Triad Health Project Stocking Stuffer Project - The Mission Ministry provides ongoing support throughout the year to THP, and we provide a special focus for THP during the Advent season with our Stocking Stuffers project. Please check your church email, or call the church office, for the list of items and consider purchasing one and placing them in the collection bin in the Gathering Space **before Sunday, November 26.**

'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. Anyone is welcome to join us for just that part of rehearsal on Wednesday evenings, 7:30 until 8:00 pm. Please contact Sarah if you have any questions, sarah@starmountpres.org

Starmount Connects! Movie night on Wed., November 15, 6:30 p.m. Join us to watch **Amazing Grace**- a movie about possibly the most impactful Christian you may have never heard of- William Wilberforce. Bring dinner or a snack if you wish.

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.

Do you have extra tools leftover from previous gardening adventures? The **Starmount Community Garden** would love to take those off your hands! We are looking to replace some of our existing hand-me-down tools with some newer hand-me-downs. If you have gardening shears, clippers, hoes, spades, claws, rakes (for spreading not for leaf clearing), shovels, or miscellany tools, we will gladly take those off your hands. Please contact Libbi Gundaker at elgundaker@hotmail.com or 336-681-3553!

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship
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