

November 19, 2023

Stewardship Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP

Only the hungry search for bread.
Only the thirsty look for water.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.
Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

From Ann Siddall

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 710

We Lift Our Voices

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Written by the Kids of Shandon Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC)

Loving God, please forgive us when we do things we know we should not do.

**Please forgive us when we do not listen to our parents;
forgive us when we do not keep our hands to ourselves;
forgive us when we take things that are not ours to take;
forgive us when we jump on the couch when we're not supposed to;**

forgive us when we do not respect others;

forgive us when we lie;

forgive us when we hurt our friends' feelings.

Help us to do the things that you would like us to do.

Amen.

(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 423

Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God

***HYMN 526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 13 - 21

SERMON

"No Spectators"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord
by G.F. Handel, arr. Saar
Bronwyn Weikert, Soloist

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

PROFESSION OF FAITH & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Andrea Brunson

Ted Kallam

Annette Newingham

Joseph Newingham

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.

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

***HYMN 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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.

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!

Thanksgiving Supper – Love Thanksgiving with all the trimmings but don't want to cook? Join an old-fashioned Covered Dish at 12:00 noon on Thanksgiving Day at Springwood Presbyterian Church, Whitsett (Pastor Scott's wife's church). Turkey and gravy provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you do not cook at all, then you can help with set up or clean-up. Please RSVP to Pastor Scott and let him know what you can contribute. Grace and gravy abound!

All Children of the church are invited to join us for Children's Choir! We will be rehearsing during worship on **November 26, December 3 & December 17**. We will then perform what we've learned during the **10 am service on Christmas Eve**. Please contact Sarah Downey, sarah@starmountpres.org for more information.

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. Please check your church email, or call the church office, for the list of items to stuff the stockings and consider purchasing one of these items. Items can be placed in the collection bin in the Gathering Space **before Sunday, November 26 and will be stuffed after church on Sunday, December 3. Please join us by donating to this great cause, helping stuff the stockings or both!**

2023 Angel Tree - Each year our church provides Christmas gifts for the children of Triad Health Project's clients. This year the Angel Tree will be up in the Narthex at the end of November. Choose a tag off the tree with item(s) to purchase, wrap them with the tag on it and **return by December 10**.


Advent Workshop, Sunday December 3, 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Join us for Fellowship, Crafts and Activities for all ages.
Register by November 30.

'Tis the Season! The Chancel Choir has begun practicing the **Christmas Cantata, "A Weary World Rejoices", by Joseph M. Martin!** This work will be presented during worship on **Sunday, December 10.** To do this presentation justice, we need several readers to read the parts that are written in between the songs. We would love to include members of the congregation of all ages and anyone who might be interested in playing a part in this work. Narration experience is not necessary. Please email or talk to Sarah if you are interested!
sarah@starmountpres.org

Drop & Shop - Do you need to get some holiday shopping done without the kids? Children 3 years old to 5th grade are invited to join us on **Saturday, December 16, 9 am – Noon.** Registration is required by December 13.

Homework Helpers meets 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!

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for November:
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

Plastics Recycling Update – Congratulations, we're halfway there! As of October 31, you have kept 278 pounds of plastic out of the landfill. Way to go! Just a couple of reminders: if it has a symbol like this  or it's crinkly, it **CANNOT** be recycled. We will be collecting **through the end of January** so as you do your holiday shopping, keep in mind that the plastic mailers that online retailers use and the air pillows that come in the boxes from online retailers **CAN** be recycled.

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