

## GATHERING MUSIC

## HYMN 413

*Come Into God's Presence*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

## PRAYER

## OPENING MUSIC

## SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, forgive us for the times we are too afraid to hope, too tired to dream, too angry to listen, too wounded to trust, too certain to be surprised and too self-absorbed to give thanks. Kindle within us a renewed sense of faith. Lift our face to look for your light, especially in the darkening day.**

**(Silent prayers)**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

## RESPONSE

## HYMN 423

*Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God*

## CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

## \*HYMN 363

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

## SERMON

Laura Roberson Hadas

## ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Sandra Eithun

## 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](http://starmountpres.org).

## LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

**O gracious and generous God, I give you thanks for the many blessings I have in my life:****For the gift of life: I thank you, Lord. For your steadfast****love: I thank you, Lord. For this astonishing, complex****planet and all you have created: I thank you, Lord. For****the Church and my family in faith: I thank you, Lord. For****my family and friends: I thank you, Lord. For health and****for those who care for the sick: I thank you, Lord. For****food, warmth and shelter: I thank you, Lord. For my****nation, for freedom, security and peace: I thank you,****Lord. Lord, let me always be aware of your great****kindness to me, your child. In gratitude for your gifts, may****I: respect all life; care for creation; tend the sick, the****hungry, the homeless and the migrant; work to create a****just nation; love others as you have loved me.****Amen** based on a Jesuit devotional prayer

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &amp; 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 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## 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](mailto: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.

**All Children of the church are invited to join us for Children's Choir!** We will be rehearsing during worship **today**. We will also rehearse **on 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](mailto: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!**

**Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY)** activities for November: **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](mailto:laura@starmountpres.org)

**'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](mailto:sarah@starmountpres.org)


**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.

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

Please join us, on **Monday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.** for **caroling at WhiteStone**, 700 S. Holden Road. We will gather at 2:30 in the WhiteStone Fellowship Hall. Song sheets will be provided.

**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](mailto:laura@starmountpres.org)) for more information!

**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.

**Have you ever wondered where you can find out all that is happening at the church? A link to the church calendar can be found at the bottom of the church website homepage:**

[www.starmountpres.org](http://www.starmountpres.org)

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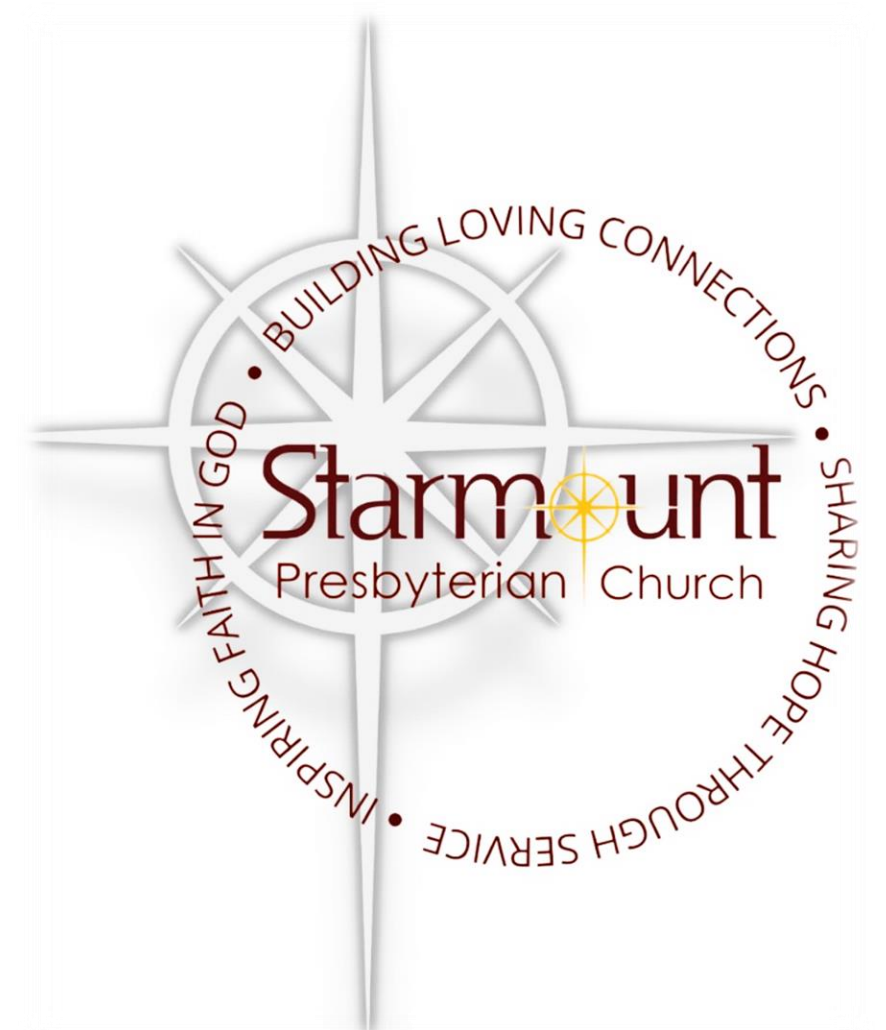
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**Welcome to Sunday Worship  
November 26, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.**