

November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 368

We Fall Down

PRAYER

Gracious God, we echo the words of the prophets this morning as we gather to worship. We cry holy, holy, holy, as we are overwhelmed in the midst of your presence. We know that your Spirit is with us this morning, therefore open our hearts so that we might pour out our praise and truly worship you. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, you have been faithful to us, but we have not been faithful to you. You have established covenants with us, but we have not upheld our part. We have distorted your word for our own gain. We have claimed you as exclusively ours. We have focused on power and comfort rather than discipleship. Forgive us and remind us of the example of the beloved saints that have come before us. Grant us a measure of their humility and faithfulness.

(silent prayers) (adapted from Call to Worship Vol 56.1)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 425

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 326**

For All the Saints

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10: 17 - 27

SERMON

“Living the question”

“Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves... Live the questions now.

Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.” Rainer Marie Rilke

Rev. Scott Lawson

ANTHEM

Joined Together as One Body
arr. James Biery

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Jack Bennett, Sr.

Nan Goodson

Nancy Green

Lucy Hammer

William (Buddy) Poole

Cynthia Pugh

Sue Halliday Smith

Florence Spivey

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC

***HYMN 730**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

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 us today after worship for lunch in Fellowship Hall for a presentation from the Finance Ministry on the Narrative Budget and table discussions.

Interested in joining the church? We will welcome new members into the congregation in worship on **Nov. 19th**. If you are interested or would like to hear more information about what "membership" in the church means, please contact charlie@starmountpres.org

Donations to Orange Feather Community School:

The Missions Ministry will be making a donation on behalf of the congregation to this program that we heard about from our Oct. 8th guest in worship, Frank Twum-Barimah. If you care to make an additional donation to this project, you may do so through the church **until Nov. 12**.

On Sunday, November 12, we will welcome guest preacher, **Ron Shive**, former Pastor at First Presbyterian Burlington.

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!

Just Lunch - Join us after worship on **Sunday, November 12**, for lunch at K & W Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome as our guests. Children are welcome as well!

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.

Stewardship Sunday is November 19, 2023! Be sure to check the weekly email, bulletin & newsletter for updates and announcements.

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 of these items and placing them in the collection bin in the Gathering Space **before Sunday, November 26**.

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. You can choose a tag off the tree with item(s) to purchase that we would like wrapped with the tag on it and **returned by December 10**.

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 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

'Tis the Season! The Chancel Choir has begun practicing the **Christmas Cantata!** This work will be presented during worship on **Sunday, December 10.** 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

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!

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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Welcome to Sunday Worship
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