

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 413

Come into God's Presence

PRAYER

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive our neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.

(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 795 (Refrain only)

Healer of Our Every Ill

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 27**

Sacred the Body

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12: 1 - 8

SERMON

“Are We There Yet?”

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Sun Had No More Light to Offer
by Curt Oliver

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- 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.

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 717** (sung 2x) *For the Life That You Have Given*

BENEDICTION

Opening Liturgies from The Abingdon Worship Annual

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Barb Newbauer in memory of her nephew, Kale Newbauer.

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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15.

Starmount Connects - next Saturday, Jan. 20 at Oden Brewing, 802 W. Gate City Blvd. Great music for a great cause in support of *Out of the Garden*. Music begins at 12 noon and goes on all day. Bryan Toney plays from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. and Starmount friend, Jack Gorham, plays from 7:00- 7:30 p.m. A complete list of performers can be found on the Starmount Connect board in the Narthex.

Just Lunch – Join us next Sunday following worship for lunch at K&W Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome as our guests. Children are welcome as well!

There is still time to **invest in the impact that Starmount Presbyterian** has on our own church community, our local Greensboro community, and the world. Session will be approving a budget for fiscal year 2024 in the next few weeks - please **prayerfully consider making a pledge** if you have not done so already.

Your 2024 Offering Envelopes - Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex to pick up 2024 Offering Envelopes. Envelopes are not named or numbered. You have the option to pick up envelopes for weekly or monthly donations.

2024 Women's Retreat at Montreat Conference Center – Save the date! March 1st – 3rd. Registration will open January 21. Watch your weekly emails for further details.

We have **a new way to sign up for flowers!** We have placed a sign-up calendar in the Narthex so you can sign up for a Sunday. Please use the dry erase pen that is next to the calendar. Or you can email Jinny Buchanan at jinnybug@mindspring.com or call her at 336-549-4674.

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!

Plastics Recycling Update – We have reached our goal of 500 pounds of plastic film recycling and will be getting a bench from Trex in recognition of that accomplishment. Congratulations! We will continue to collect plastics at the church until the end of January, but after that you can take it to any grocery store. Thank you all!

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for January -
14th – Lunch & Bible Study – Gather after worship for lunch and conversation!
28th – Mad Splatter – Meet from 5-7 at the Mad Splatter to paint bowls with friends! Painting and dinner will be provided!



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