

**January 21, 2024**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Jesus is Lord*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**HYMN 70** *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

**PRAYER**

**OPENING MUSIC**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**When we care more about looking good than doing good, God forgive us.**

**When we say what we think people want to hear rather than what is true, God forgive us.**

**When we make promises we cannot keep, God forgive us.**

**When our actions do not live up to our words, God forgive us.**

**When we fail to realize that good deeds matter more than good intentions, God forgive us.**

**When we judge people based on our own preconceptions rather than the reality of who they are, God forgive us.**

(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 795** (Refrain only) *Healer of Our Every Ill*

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 316** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 2: 1 - 11

**SERMON**

"The Interests of Others"  
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

**ANTHEM**

*Ubi Caritas*  
by Victor Johnson

**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).

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: when we love one another and when we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.**

**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 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

**BENEDICTION**

**\*Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Howard & Debbie Pace in honor of our granddaughters, Windsor and Pacey.

**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.

**Starmount Connects** - 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 to 7:30 p.m. A complete list of performers can be found on the Starmount Connect board in the Narthex.

**Just Lunch** – Join us **today 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 days - please **prayerfully consider making a pledge** if you have not done so already.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration will open January 21. Watch your weekly emails for further details.

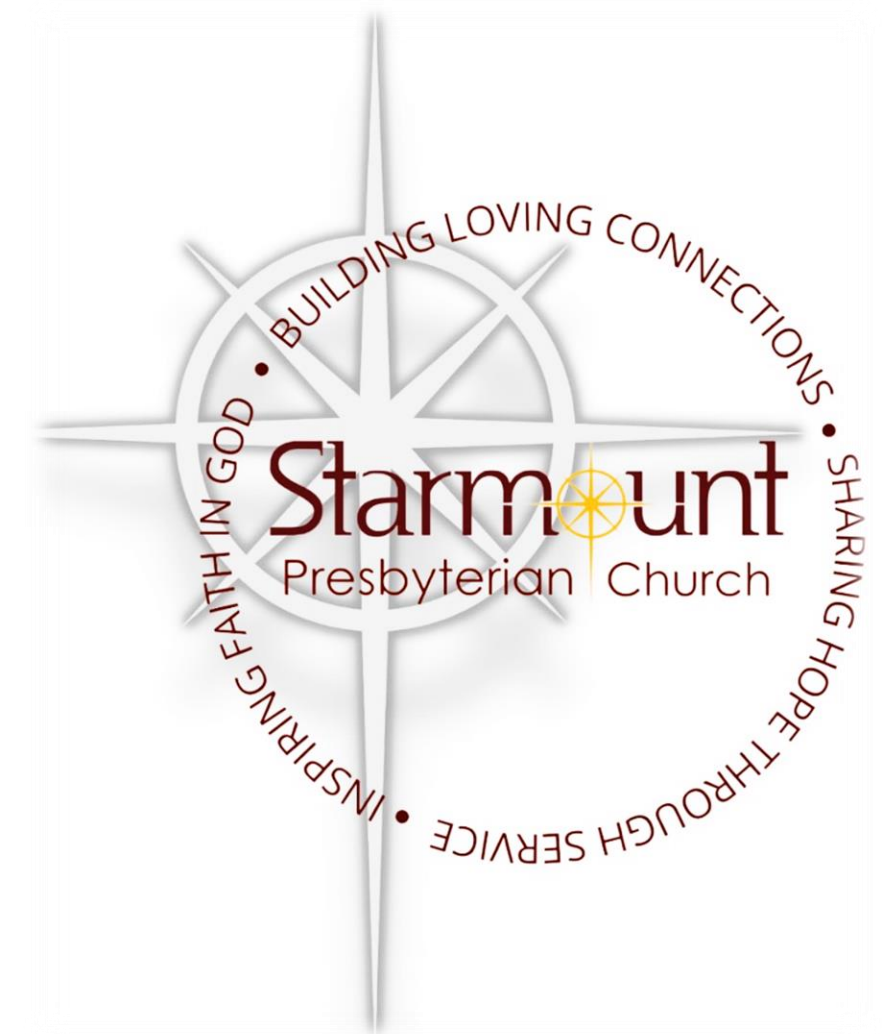
We have **a new way to sign up for flowers!** We have placed a sign-up calendar in the Narthex so you can sign up for a Sunday. Please use the dry erase pen that is next to the calendar. Or you can email Jinny Buchanan at [jinnybug@mindspring.com](mailto:jinnybug@mindspring.com) or call her at 336-549-4674.

**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](mailto: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 - **28<sup>th</sup> – Mad Splatter** – Meet from 5-7 at the Mad Splatter to paint bowls with friends! Painting and dinner will be provided!

**Volunteers needed for Sunday morning nursery care.** Starmount is looking for help to care for our youngest members (ages 2 and under) while their parents worship. If you are interested in helping, please email Cindy, [cindy@starmountpres.org](mailto:cindy@starmountpres.org).



#### **Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff**

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