

**February 11, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 50:1-6)

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.**

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

**The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**HYMN 192** *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

**PRAYER**

**OPENING MUSIC**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.**

(silent prayers)

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 421** *Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life*  
(verse 1 only)

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 825** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

**SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Kings 2: 1-15

**SERMON** "Passing the Mantle"  
Rev. Scott Lawson

**ANTHEM** *You Are My All in All/Fairest Lord Jesus*  
arr. Shackley

**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**

**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 406** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

**BENEDICTION**

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

Our printed liturgy today is from Presbyterian Outlook written by Rose Schrott Taylor.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by David & Nancy Wallace in honor of their children, Michael and Liz.

**Sign up for flowers** – Add your name to the sign-up calendar in the Narthex. Use the dry erase pen that is next to the calendar, email Jinny Buchanan at [jinnybug@mindspring.com](mailto:jinnybug@mindspring.com) or call 336-549-4674.

**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 after worship **today** for **King Cake & Coffee!**

Join us for **Ash Wednesday service, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** Dinner will be provided with **Potluck desserts.** The service will follow in the chapel. Childcare will be provided starting at 5:45 for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger.

On **February 18** we will have a guest speaker during the Invitation to Generosity. **Tiffany Dumas**, the **Director of the YWCA Family Shelter** will also stay after worship for a more in-depth session.

Starmount will have a **volunteer day at Backpack Beginnings** on **February 23**, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. For questions, contact Cilie Sutton.

**Join us for a Small Group Study during Lent starting February 20<sup>th</sup>:** We will meet on Tuesdays at 12:15, in person or online on **Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12 & 19.** This study is inspired by the book "Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms" by Elizabeth F. Caldwell. Reading the book is not required to participate, but if you would like to purchase the book, look for the link in the weekly email. If you would like to attend the class via zoom, contact the church office for a link.

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** after worship on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.** This will serve as the Annual Meeting of the congregation.

**2024 Women's Retreat at Montreat Conference Center – Save the dates!** March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Further details and registration information can be found in your weekly emails.

**13<sup>th</sup> – Burrito Buddies**

Come to dinner at Qdoba @ Friendly. Laura will be there from 6-7:30! Keep an eye out for a church wide fellowship activity in February!

**Plan to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Bach's Lunch** which will be held at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary **on Wednesdays during Lent; March 6, 13, 20, & 27. We will be providing lunch** following the concerts this year! If you would like to help with lunch, please contact Jinny Buchanan at [jinnybug@mindspring.com](mailto:jinnybug@mindspring.com) . See your weekly email for details of performers.

**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!

**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 Summer Mission Trip:** Mark your calendars! **July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>.** Intergeneration for all ages. We will be traveling to Craven County, New Bern, NC this summer to work in the community. More information will be shared in the coming months. If you have questions, please contact Neil Huffman.

**Plastic recycling--back by popular demand!** The Earth Care Team has decided to continue our plastic recycling collection project. We must now collect 1000 lbs. over a year to get another bench. Now we're NOT encouraging increasing your use of plastic. Hopefully this project increased our awareness of how much single-use plastic we do use. But when you must use it, we can at least keep it out of the landfill. So let your friends and neighbors know to keep collecting. Thanks for your dedication to this project and look for our bench to be dedicated and to appear outside soon!

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship**  
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