

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond our ability to comprehend. Even still, Lord, we confess that we attempt to take your place. Instead of relying on your wisdom and guidance, we cede ground to other voices and go our own way.

Forgive us Lord, when we live as those who have no faith in you. Remind us of your voice once again and provide us with enough grace to listen and follow you.

(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 421

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

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 23

SERMON

Laura Roberson Hadas

ANTHEM

Let There Be Light
by Mary McDonald

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC

***HYMN 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Dianne Delaney in memory of my sister, Charlotte Bard.

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.

Nominating Committee recommendations: Nominations are currently being solicited from the congregation for individuals to serve on the 2024 nominating committee. Please submit your recommendations to the church office prior to **February 11th**. Submit by email to anne@starmountpres.org.

Join us after worship **next Sunday, February 11th** for **King Cake & Coffee!**

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

Starmount Summer Mission Trip: Mark your calendars! **July 14th through July 20th**. 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.

Come join us for an **Ash Wednesday service, February 14th at 6pm. Potluck supper** with service to follow in the chapel. Childcare will be provided starting at 5:45 for children in 2nd grade and younger.

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

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activity for February - 4th – Sermon Talk Back

Meet after church to debrief and explore the themes of the sermon of the day. Lunch will be provided!

13th – Burrito Buddies

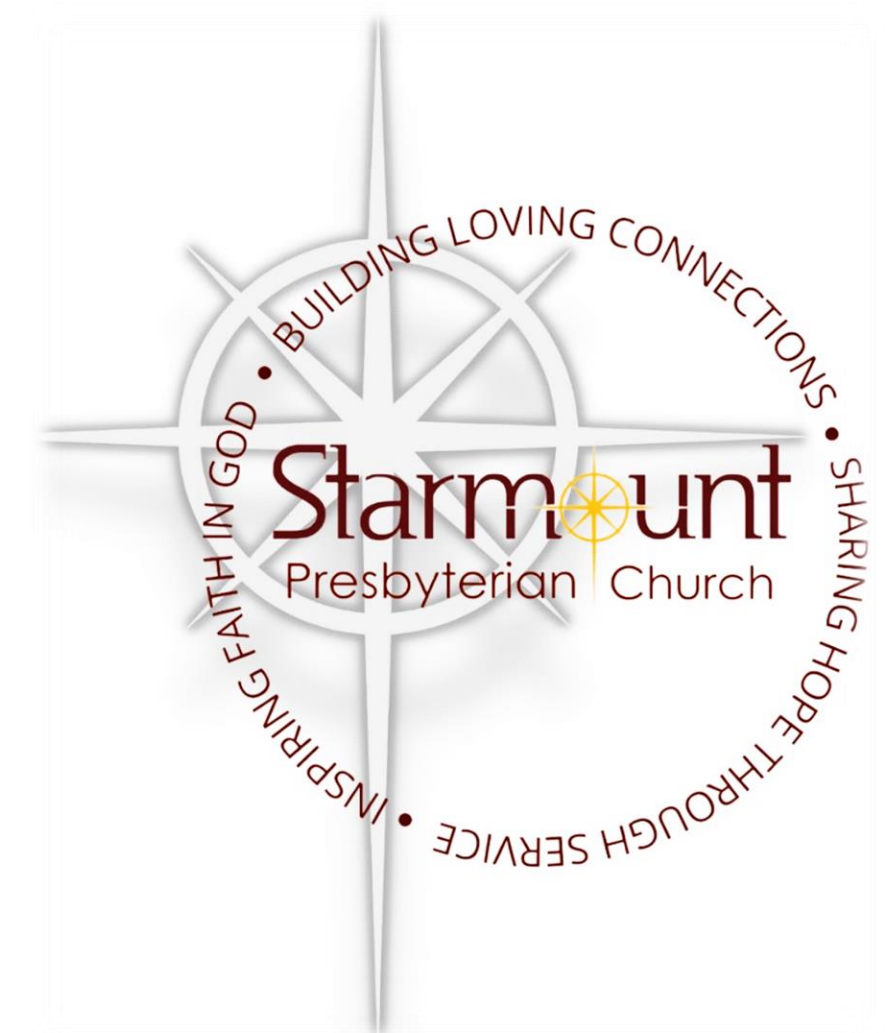
Come to dinner at Qdoba @ Friendly. Laura will be there from 6-7:30! Keep an eye out for a church wide fellowship activity in February!

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!

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.

Save the dates: 40th Annual Bach's Lunch will be held at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays during Lent; **March 6, 13, 20, & 27 with lunch** following the concerts! See your weekly email for details.



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