

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. In his goodness he supplies our every need.

The Lord is our Shepherd, and he takes perfect care of us.

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. He leads us into safety and gives us strength for the journey.

The Lord is our Shepherd, who grants us rest and restores our souls.

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. He sought us out when we were lost, calling us by our names.

The Lord is our Shepherd, and he has carried us home. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good Shepherd, you guide us in right paths and you lead us in the ways of righteousness. But we allow our feelings to direct our own paths. We so easily and quickly can become lost. Forgive us, God, for not following your way. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to your path, to loving you and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and open our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. Amen.

(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

SERMON

"Back to Basics"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

by John Rutter

Nicky Lazzaro, Oboe

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Evelyn Garrison

Higher Ground

Offering boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Gifts may also be made online at starmountpres.org.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpt from The Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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 802**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Paige Greeson in memory of Myrtle & Henry Greeson.

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.

Spring Forward - Join us before and after worship **today, March 10th** for **Coffee & Donuts!**

Just Lunch! – Join us March 17 following worship for lunch at K&W Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome as our guests. Children are welcome as well!

This Easter, honor or remember someone special by purchasing an Easter Lily for \$17.50 per plant or by making a donation to either the Susan White Helping Hands Fund or to our Mission Ministry. **All forms and donations must be in by Sunday, March 17th.** The lilies will adorn the Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, March 31st** and will be acknowledged in the bulletin that day.

Lenten Small Group Study: We have been meeting on Tuesdays at 12:15, in person and online. The remaining group meeting dates are **March 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 40th Annual Bach's Lunch, "Lenten Concert Series" will be held at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary **on Wednesdays during Lent. The remaining concert dates are March 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. See your weekly email for details of performers.

Montreat Youth Conference: Any youth grades 8 and up are invited to join us for the Youth Conference at Montreat, June 9 – 15. Check the weekly email for how to register and make your **nonrefundable \$50 deposit by April 7.**

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activity for March -
10th – Lunch & Bible Study – Gather after worship for lunch and conversation!
17th – SPY! – Meet for dinner, a game, and some learning about Holy Week which is coming up.

Starmount Preschool Consignment Sale – March 13-16!

Interested in consigning or volunteering? Contact starmountpreschoolsale@gmail.com.

Preschool 2024-2025 Registration is now open! Check the weekly email for how to register.

Starmount Summer Mission Trip: The Summer Mission Trip is scheduled for **July 14 through July 20th**. If you are interested in the trip or would like to get more information, you can contact Neil Huffman.

Pine Straw: If you are interested in purchasing Pine straw, please contact Neil Huffman. All proceeds will go toward the **Summer Mission Trip**.

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.

Starmount Presbyterian Garden 2024: Welcome back!

Workdays for this year will be April 13, June 1, August 3, and October 5. If you have small hand tools that you would like to contribute to the garden, we would greatly appreciate it. Contact Libbi Gundaker at elgundaker@hotmail.com.

Our staff has had a lot of change over the last year, and we would like to have a **Staff Appreciation Month in March** this year! We would like to have people from the congregation adopt a Tuesday and find ways to uplift and shower our wonderful staff with some love. Please consider reaching out to Libbi Gundaker (elgundaker@hotmail.com or 336-681-3553) to let Personnel know which Tuesday you are interested in adopting. Big and small tokens of appreciation are all invited! Ideally, we would like multiple people for each day – so even tiny efforts are worth it!

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!

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Welcome to Sunday Worship
March 10, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.