

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 701

Lord, Prepare Me

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Have mercy on us and make us whole. (silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 791**

For You, My God, I Wait
(verses 1-3)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

SERMON

"Those Who Wait for the Morning"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

arranged and performed by Michael Parker

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 (from The Confession of 1967)

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

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.

Just Lunch! – Join us today, 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 TODAY, 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 19 & 26.** This study is inspired by the book "Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms" by Elizabeth F. Caldwell. 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" is being held at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary **on Wednesdays during Lent. The remaining concert dates are March 20 & 27. We are 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.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule –

- Maundy Thursday, March 28 – Communion Service at 5:30 pm
- Good Friday, March 29 – Stations of the Cross will begin with a prayer service at Noon
- Easter Sunday, March 31 – Sunrise Service at 7:00 am
- Easter Sunday, March 31 – Worship Service at 10:00 am

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Messy Church! After worship on Palm Sunday, our young disciples and their families are invited to play and explore as they move through the Stations of the Cross. Our version of “Messy Church” will include prayer stations and crafts for families to do together. Lunch will be provided!

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)

17th – SPY! – Meet for dinner, a game, and some learning about Holy Week which is coming up.

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 17, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.