

**March 24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Hosanna*  
Children's Choir

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**HYMN 197**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**PRAYER**

**OPENING MUSIC**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves great when we are small. We ask forgiveness for the ways we have failed in love, neglected justice and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Remind us this week of how far you will go to show us your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray.**  
(Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 466**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

**\*HYMN 681**

*This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 118: 1-9, 20-27

**SERMON**

Laura Roberson Hadas

**ANTHEM**

*Fantasy on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
Starmount Ringers

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Women of the Church

Offering boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary.  
Gifts may also be made online at [starmountpres.org](http://starmountpres.org).

**LITANY- From Palms to Passion**

Today we cheer you on as our champion and hail you as our hero.

**Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.**

Today we have asked you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.

**Forgive us on Tuesday when we decide we can take care of ourselves.**

Today we have made you the center of our praise and trust.

**Forgive us on Wednesday when we are distracted by other matters.**

Today we have called out to you by name.

**Forgive us on Thursday when we pretend that we've never met you.**

Today we have adored you with the eyes of devoted followers.

**Forgive us on Friday when we avert our eyes because it's too painful to watch.**

Today we have expressed our undying hope in the future you have in store for us.

**Forgive us on Saturday when we believe all is lost.**

**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 196**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**BENEDICTION**

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

**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.

**Messy Church!** After worship today, 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!

**GUM Spring Food Drive** - It's time again to help collect non-perishable food items to help replenish the food pantry at GUM! Please choose a two-hour shift at the Walmart Neighborhood Grocery at Guilford College, on Friday or Saturday, April 12 or 13. Shifts are 8 to 10, 10 to 12, 12 to 2, or 2 to 4. Please see your weekly email for a link to volunteer.

**Lenten Small Group Study:** We have been meeting on Tuesdays at 12:15, in person and online. The final group meeting date is **March 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 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Bach's Lunch, "Lenten Concert Series"** is being held at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary **on Wednesdays during Lent. The final concert date is March 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](mailto: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

**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.**

**Habitat for Humanity** – The Mission Ministry is happy to announce a few upcoming volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity. There will be a work day on Saturday, June 8, 8 – 11:30 am (more information to come in the April newsletter and future weekly emails). You can also help Habitat by purchasing gift cards to be presented to new homeowners (Lowe's Hardware, Home Depot, Harris Teeter, Walmart, etc.). Gift cards can be dropped off to Anne in the church office no later than April 19.

**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 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](mailto:elgundaker@hotmail.com).

**Staff Appreciation Month in March!** We would like to have people from the congregation find ways to uplift and shower our wonderful staff with some love. Please consider reaching out to Libbi Gundaker ([elgundaker@hotmail.com](mailto:elgundaker@hotmail.com) or 336-681-3553). 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](mailto:laura@starmountpres.org)) for more information!

**Coming in April:** Join us for an overview of what it means to be Christian, Reformed, Presbyterian *and* a member at Starmount. That's a lot of ground to cover(!) so we'll be covering just the essentials. This course will be held after worship, the first two Sundays of April for one hour. Open to all but encouraged for those who are new to our community and/or wish to join Starmount as a member.

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**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118: 24**

**March 24, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.**