

**March 3, 2024**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Thirsty, our hearts crave living water.  
**Hungry, our souls ache to be satisfied.**  
Weary, our minds are tired by thoughts and worry.  
**Come, let us rest in you, O Lord, and lift up our deepest praise!**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**HYMN 743**                      *O God, You Are My God*

**PRAYER**

**OPENING MUSIC**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**As the season of Lent unfolds, we see how far we have yet to go. The road is long, and we confess that our sins are many. We carry heavy burdens and are reluctant to lay them down. Lord, even though we are a long way off, run out to meet us. Grant us forgiveness that we do not deserve and cannot earn. Lift our burdens. Wipe away our shame. Remind us of your loving gaze and welcome us home.**  
(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 695**                      *Change My Heart, O God*

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 840**                      *When Peace Like A River*

**SCRIPTURE READING**        Psalm 103: 1-2, Psalm 63: 1-8

**SERMON**                              "Bless and Be Blessed"  
Rev. Scott Lawson

**ANTHEM**                              *How Great Thou Art*  
Mary Schneider, Tuba

**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 839**                      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

**BENEDICTION**

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Roger Fristoe in honor of my mother's birthday, June Fristoe.

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**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 – Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead next Saturday night, March 9<sup>th</sup>!** Join us after worship **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** for **Coffee & Donuts!**

**Starmount Summer Mission Trip:** The Summer Mission Trip is scheduled for **July 14 through July 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in the trip or would like to get more information, there will be a meeting **after Church, today, March 3**, to answer your questions. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can contact Neil Huffman.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>**. The lilies will adorn the Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 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 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Bach's Lunch, "Lenten Concert Series"** 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. 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.

**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 Youth (SPY) activity for March - 4<sup>th</sup> – Burrito Buddies** – Come to Qdoba @ Friendly for dinner. Laura will be there from 6-7:30!

**10<sup>th</sup> – Lunch & Bible Study** – Gather after worship for lunch and conversation!

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

**What CAN be recycled in Greensboro?** Masey DeMoss and Ashley Robinson from City of Greensboro Waste Reduction and Recycling will give a presentation, **Monday, March 4**, on what you can (really) recycle, the difficulties with recycling and some sustainable swaps for plastic items in your life. They will be joined by Nancy Abrams who will give an update on foam recycling in the Triad. They will provide hands-on displays and will allow time for all your questions. The presentation will take place **in the Garden Room at First Presbyterian Church** at 6:30 p.m. Enter through the Welcome Center door on Fisher Park Circle near the intersection with Elm St. Follow the signs. If you'd like to carpool, please contact Cathy Ingram at [csingram@gmail.com](mailto:csingram@gmail.com) or 336-706-8979

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](mailto: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](mailto:laura@starmountpres.org)) for more information!

**Starmount Preschool Consignment Sale – March 13-16!**

Interested in consigning or volunteering? Contact [starmountpreschoolsale@gmail.com](mailto:starmountpreschoolsale@gmail.com). Preschool 2024-2025 Registration is now open! Check the weekly email for how to register.

**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!

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**Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff**

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Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

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Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship**  
**March 3, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.**

