

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

*All Glory, Laud and Honor
Lift High the Cross
Starmount Brass*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Easter Story

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

PRAYER

Living God, on the first day of the week you brought to birth a new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings, so that we may share the good news of your liberating, life-giving power with all the world; through Christ our Savior, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE HYMN 466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16: 1-8

SERMON

"More to the Story"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Alive
by Earlene Rentz

Starmount Chancel Choir & Starmount Brass

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

We believe in an astounding God, who surprises us on Easter morning, who reveals through an empty tomb how God is always doing a new thing. We believe in God, who is light in the darkness, who never gives up on love, who weeps when we weep and laughs when we laugh, who calls us to be more than we are.

We believe in Christ, present at the time of creation, heard in the words of the prophets, alive in the lessons taught to disciples. We believe in Christ risen, not stuck in a tomb of despair or buried in the past, but alive forever and with us always.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the invisible, ongoing presence of God, the joy, hope, and peace of endless possibility unfolding around us. We believe the Spirit calls us to community, to compassion, to welcome, and to acts of mercy and justice. God cannot be contained: not by fear or hate, and certainly not by a tomb. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Adapted from Shandon Presbyterian Church

COMMUNION

***HYMN 245**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"
Starmount Brass

***Please stand in body or spirit**

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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.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 1.

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.

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.

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 (Lowes Hardware, Home Depot, Harris Teeter, Walmart, etc.). Gift cards can be dropped off to Anne in the church office no later than April 19.

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 next Sunday, April 7.**

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activity for April -
9th – Burrito Buddies – Come to Qdoba @ Friendly for dinner. Laura will be there from 6 - 7:30!
14th – SPY! – We are meeting with some friends for a Montreat style barn dance! Contact Laura with questions.
21st – Sermon Talk Back – Meet after church to debrief and explore the themes of the sermon of the day. Lunch will be provided!



In loving memory of Mr. W.C. Gable & Mr. H.C. Brassfield
Kaye Brassfield

In honor of our sisters, Donna, Pat, Cindy, Wendy & Lolly
David & Jinny Buchanan

In loving memory of my parents, Fred & Patsy Brown
Mary Cuadras

In loving memory of Joyce Doss
Diane Delaney

In honor of Joan Lampart
Lynne Kirsch

In loving memory of Kenard M. Knust
Cynthia E. Knust

**Thank you to everyone
who contributed an
Easter Lily, contributed
to the Mission Fund, or
the Susan White Helping
Hands Fund to help
fulfill our mission
throughout the
community!**

In loving memory of Dorrie & George Fitchett and Dot & Bob Benson
Art & Judy Fitchett

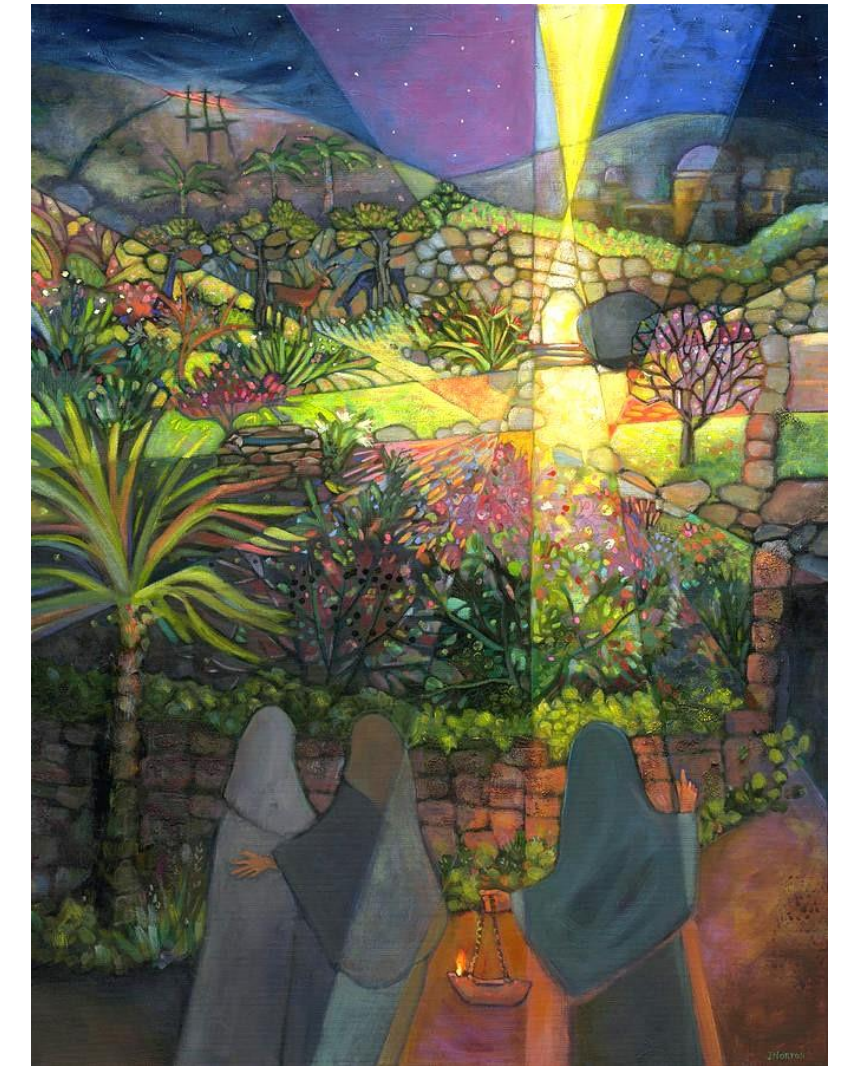
In loving memory of my parents, William & Anne McIntire
Susanne McIntire

In loving memory of Mark Nadler and in honor of Sue & Bob Ramger
Evelyn & Bob Nadler

In loving memory of Buddy Poole
Katherine Poole

In loving memory of Walter & Genevieve Acker and Lawrence & Ethel Kindred
Bob & Sue Ramger

In loving memory of Gary Webb and in honor of Caroline & Hector Cotto, Kyle & Hannah Webb
Leslie Webb



Easter Morning by Jen Norton

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