

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PRAYER

Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(written by Rev. Chris Currie)*

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 238**

Thine Is the Glory

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 19 - 31

SERMON

"Messy Church"
Rev. Scott Lawson

ANTHEM

Yes, My Jesus Loves Me
By Mary McDonald

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Donna Bailey

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 526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ted Kallam: "Happy Anniversary, Frances! Love, Ted."

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 or call 336-549-4674.

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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.

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 due TODAY, April 7.**

TODAY and next Sunday: Join us after worship for an overview of what it means to be Christian, Reformed, Presbyterian *and* a member at Starmount. We'll be covering just the essentials. Open to all but encouraged for those who are new to our community and/or wish to join Starmount as a member.

GUM Spring Food Drive – Are you ready to help collect non-perishable food items for our hungry neighbors! It's time to sign up. 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.

Starmount Presbyterian Garden 2024: The first workday for this year will be **April 13.** Also, 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.

Pennies for Hunger Collection – April 14 - The Mission Committee encourages you to make a donation of pennies...or dollars... to help feed the hungry. You can donate in the following ways: drop your donation in the offering box on Sunday, bring a donation to the church office, mail in or give online. Find the link to give online on the church website or in your church email.

Join us for an outdoor worship service on April 21 as we observe Earth Day. On Sunday, April 28 we will welcome some of our community partners following worship for a time of education and fellowship!

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

Habitat for Humanity – The Mission Ministry is happy to announce an upcoming volunteer opportunity with Habitat for Humanity. There will be a workday on Saturday, June 8, 8 – 11:30 am. 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 office **no later than April 19**.

Elder Nominations for class of 2027 – It's time to submit your nominations for the Elder class of 2027. To nominate someone, you can use the link in your weekly email, email the office at info@starmountpres.org or call the office at (336) 299-8131 ext. 110. Please have your nominations in **by April 21**.

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!

Sentimental Journey: Save the date, Sunday, May 19, to honor and celebrate our Starmount members that are 80 years of age and older. More info to follow in the coming weeks.



Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

Sarah Downey, Director of Music

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Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

Laura Roberson Hadas, Director of Youth & Refugee Ministries

Welcome to Sunday Worship
April 7, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.