

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to join with all the earth in praise:

**to sing a new song to the Lord,  
who has done marvelous things,  
who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

**the roar of the ocean,  
the call of the birds,  
the wind across the hills,  
people in every corner of the globe.**

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,  
**we greet you with joy, our living God!**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**HYMN 458**      *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

**PRAYER**

**OPENING MUSIC**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that  
loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those  
who are like us, that ignores your less convenient  
commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would  
rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world?  
Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith  
that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through  
the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 447**      *We are Forgiven*

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 482**      *Baptized in Water*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Acts 10: 44 – 48

**SERMON**      "God's Spirit at Work"  
Rev. Judy Fitchett

**ANTHEM**

*Here I Am, Lord*  
Arr. Dan Schutte

**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](http://starmountpres.org).

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**\*HYMN 460**      *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**  
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
By John Rutter

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by  
Kaye & Mark Brassfield in memory of H.C. Brassfield  
and W.C. Gable, our Fathers and Grandfathers.

**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.

*Printed Liturgy written by Carol Prickett, Presbyterian Outlook*



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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 at the desk or scan the QR code.



**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.

**Sabbatical** - Charlie began a 3-month sabbatical on April 28th. We welcome Rev. Judy Fitchett to the staff team who will be serving as a Parish Associate during this period. We have formed a Sabbatical Team to lead during Charlie's absence: Judy Fitchett, Scott Lawson, Laura Roberson Hadas, Jan Epps-Dawson, & Frank Burton.

**Homegrown Hootenanny - Friday, May 10, 6 pm** - Starmount parking lot. Join us for an evening of singing and merry-making, featuring musicians from Starmount! All you need is something to sit on and whatever you would like to eat. Your connections ministry team will provide drinks, ice-cold watermelon (and paper towels)! Bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy some good, old-fashion FUN!

**Chapel Upgrade Information Session** - As you have heard/read over the past few weeks, Starmount is planning in the fall to start a second service with a more interactive style. Our desire is to use the new service as a catalyst to make changes in the chapel that will bring this space back into the active life of Starmount. Beyond making the chapel an inviting space for the new service, we envision the modernization and flexibility of the space to enable its use for everything from bible study to the Seder meal to VBS. Join us **after the worship service on May 12<sup>th</sup> in room 319** for an information session on the plans. In addition, we are actively looking for anyone interested in contributing funding for these changes and anyone with a flair for decorating that has interest in participating on a committee to select colors, and styles, and light fixtures, etc. If you are interested, but unable to attend the 5/12 information session please contact David and Debbie Stubbs or Kris and Kevin Kattmann for more information and to get your questions answered.

**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 May 15**.

**Summer Mission Trip:** The time has come to sign up for the summer mission trip. If you are planning to attend, a \$50 deposit is requested by **May 15**. If you have any questions, please contact Neil Huffman at [mnhuff@earthlink.net](mailto:mnhuff@earthlink.net).

**Sentimental Journey:** You are invited to join us for luncheon and a music program following worship on **Sunday, May 19**. We will honor our members that are 80 years of age and over. Those 80 years and older are free. Those under 80 are \$15. Reserve your place by registering through the weekly email or call the church office at 336-299-8131.

**Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY)** activities for May:

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

**10<sup>th</sup> – Parking Lot Concert** – Gather with church family for a night of music in the church parking lot at 6 pm.

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

**Vacation Bible School** will be held **June 24 – 27** from 9am - 12pm. Register online through the weekly email link or call the office to register a child 3 years old - completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers are needed. Please check your weekly email for a link to sign up and volunteer.

**Art & Bible Camp** will be held **July 29 – August 1** from 9am - 12pm for children who have completed pre-k – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Email [laura@starmountpers.org](mailto:laura@starmountpers.org) with questions. Register online through the weekly email link or call the office.

**Summer Stars** will begin **June 10** from 9am – 1pm and run for multiple weeks through the summer. See your weekly email for details of each week. Contact [cindy@starmountpres.org](mailto:cindy@starmountpres.org) with questions.



### Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship**  
**May 5, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.**