

CALL TO WORSHIP

Though the world is filled with uncertainty, God's sovereignty remains.
We look to you, O God, to light our way.
When we are tempted to stay silent, God reminds us of our calling.
Give us the courage to speak truth and act with justice.
For such a time as this, we have been called.
Let us boldly enter into God's presence and praise His holy name! Let us worship God!

GATHERING MUSIC

*HYMN 846 Fight the Good Fight

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we often shrink back when You call us forward. We look at the brokenness of our world and convince ourselves that we are too small, too weak, or too late to make a difference. We choose the comfort of silence over the risk of speaking truth. We wait for others to act, forgetting that You have already placed us in this community, in this neighborhood, and in this hour. Forgive our hesitation. Stir up the courage within us. Awaken our hearts to the reality that You have brought us to this exact moment for Your divine purposes. Amen.
(Silent prayers)
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 62 Love the Lord Your God

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION

*HYMN 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22

SERMON Laura Roberson Hadas

ANTHEM God Will Make a Way
 arr. Mark Hayes
 Anna Ferguson, Soprano

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 (Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 547 Go My Children, with My Blessing

BENEDICTION

*Please stand in body or spirit

The flowers today were given to the glory of God by Evelyn Nadler in honor of Sue Ramger’s birthday, for 88 years of wisdom, grace, joy and beautiful memories. Thank you for being a guiding light in our family and all the love you have poured into our lives.

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Scan the QR code if you wish to give to the Virtual Collection Plate.

Members, this is not the place to give towards your pledge.

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.



AV Booth Volunteer needed! If you are interested in learning something new and helping with an integral part of the worship service, please reach out to Howie Ledford in person or at howie.ledford@gmail.com for instruction, and to be added to our volunteer schedule for the AV booth.

Please be aware of **text and email scams** that appear to be sent from Charlie, or other members of the church staff, requesting immediate response or the purchase of gift cards, etc. We will not communicate with you in that manner. If you do receive any form of communication from a member of the Starmount Staff that appears to be suspicious, call the office to ask if it is legitimate.

We will continue our **sermon series for the summer; Roots of Our Faith**. Join us as we study the Old Testament. We will have an accompanying book study to our series. “Lies My Preacher Told Me” by Brent A. Strawn. Look for upcoming information about the new series and the book study.

Summer Choir Information: Anyone is invited to participate in one or all our Summer Choir opportunities **every other Sunday** through August 2026. Practice will start promptly at **9 am** in the Choir Room. We will practice the anthem for that morning’s worship service. We look forward to seeing you!

Starmount Members, Thank you! I would like to thank the church members for the prayers, cards, visits and meals that were provided. Thank you again for your love and support. Stan & Cindy Dixon

Join us on **August 23 at the 10am** worship service for the **Blessing of the Backpacks!**

Summer Office Hours are in effect until August 21. **Church offices are open Monday - Thursday 8:30am to 4:30pm, Fridays, 8:30am to 1pm.**

Garden Harvest Update: On July 14 the Starmount Community Garden harvested and **donated just over 80 lbs.** of fresh produce to Share the Harvest! See the weekly email for details and further information.

Outreach:

TODAY: Join us for Just Lunch at **Jason’s Deli** in the Friendly Center following the **10am worship service today**. All visitors are welcome as our guests. Children are also welcome.

Serve:

Interactive Resource Center, the day center for those experiencing homelessness, needs our help. Volunteer to prepare lunches for IRC at the Starmount kitchen **Friday, August 14 at 10:30am**. Contact Linda at anderson7510@gmail.com, sign up in the narthex or through the weekly email.

STEPS OF HOPE: A new walk; the same hope – each step a hope of erasing hunger in our community. In place of the former CROP Walk, GUM has found the need to create its own walk, Steps of Hope. It's the same concept and procedure, but Steps of Hope will focus totally on food insecurity in our area. 100% of ALL DONATIONS to Steps of Hope will remain in Greensboro. Walk date is **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, following our 10:00 worship. See the weekly email for details and how to sign up.

Mobile Meals Volunteers needed: Starmount has the 1st Tuesday of each month to deliver meals. Our team is short of 3 volunteers. Look for the volunteer form and additional information in the Narthex. Questions, reach out to Stan Dixon at dixon4@yahoo.com or call 336-549-7322.

Connect:

Join your Connections Ministry team for a fun filled evening of food and trivia, **August 29th at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving Eastern North Carolina style BBQ with all the fixins, and entries from our potato salad, pasta salad, and coleslaw contest. All this followed by a "Kahoots" trivia game (form your team and see if you can win bragging rights!) Stay tuned for more information on our “Best Salad” competition!

Children and Youth:

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.

Our summer kid’s events are ON! Register for VBS - **July 20-23** cost is \$10. **Art & Bible Camp – August 3-6** cost is \$20. Both run Mon. through Thurs. from 9am to 12 pm.

We are still in need of volunteers for Art & Bible Camp. There is a link to sign up in the weekly email.

SPY Events in July: Contact laura@starmountpres.org

19 – VBS Prep! Help us set up for VBS at 5:30.

26 - Youth Lunch after 10am service. Come eat lunch on us!

We are so grateful for your VBS donations! Your generosity provided exactly what our kids and leaders will need for an amazing week. **We truly appreciate your heart for this ministry!**

Learn:

Thursday Morning Faith Study - 7:30am in the Parlor. **We have started a new book study on “Without Buddha, I Could Not Be a Christian”** by Paul F. Knitter. Everyone is welcome!

Women of the Church Circles are in recess during the summer.

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

Laura Roberson Hadas, Pastoral Associate

Sarah Downey, Director of Music

Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist

Rhett McAllister, Contemporary Worship Leader

Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

Welcome to Sunday Worship
July 19, 2026



8:45 AM Chapel Service

10:00 AM Sanctuary Service