

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-3, 6)
O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

GATHERING MUSIC
***HYMN 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD’S FORGIVENESS
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious and loving God, forgive us when turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.
(Silent prayers)
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE
HYMN 62 *Love the Lord Your God*

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION
***HYMN 47** *Bless All Who Trust in God*

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

SERMON "What We Do Here"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM "Improvisation"
Erick Eaton, Piano

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 (from the Barmen Declaration)
“Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption”
(1 Corinthians 1:30).
As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC
***HYMN 66** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Printed liturgy from Philip K. Gladden, Presbyterian Outlook

The flowers today were given to the glory of God by the Inspiring Faith Ministry in celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America.

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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.



We have begun a new **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. Summer Choir **dates will be listed in Realm**. Please RSVP if you plan on participating that Sunday. 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!

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.

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.**

Serve:
Volunteers needed: As part of our “Summer of Service” we have scheduled a volunteer time at **Backpack Beginnings: Tuesday, July 7** from **2:30-4:00 p.m.** Duties usually include sorting food, clothing, or other donated goods. Children under age 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up through the weekly email, or email ciliesutton@gmail.com.

Summer Volunteer Opportunity! A great experience at the **GUM Food Pantry, Thurs., July 16**, 12:00 - 4:00 PM. We will sort produce, greet and help clients in the store and/or stock food. You may sign up via Signup Genius in Realm, signup sheet in narthex or by contacting Evelyn G at egarrison814@gmail.com.

Join us for Plastic Free July, a shared global movement that helps millions of people reduce plastic waste through simple, everyday choices and be part of the solution to plastic pollution. That way, we can enjoy cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. See the next newsletter for details on how to use less!

Mobile Meals Volunteers needed: Starmount has the 1st Tuesday of each month to deliver meals. They meet at the Senior Resource Center at 1401 Benjamin Parkway, GSO, 27408. There are 14 routes with directions to each home. Ideally there are 2 volunteers per route. Our team is short 3 volunteers. Look for the volunteer form 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 cookoff. 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 need your help! Click our VBS “wish list” link in the weekly email for suggested supplies that will be needed to make this event a success! Drop donations at the church office or workroom by July 15th. Volunteers are needed for both camps! See email for details.

SPY Events in July: Contact laura@starmountpres.org

13 – Burrito Buddies 6:30-7:30pm. Meet at Moe’s on Battleground.

19 – VBS Prep! Help us set up for VBS at 5:30, let Laura know if you're coming.

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

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 Circle meetings focus on fellowship, faith formation, and service. Contact Leslie Webb to join a Circle.

-Martha Circle – 2nd Monday of the month – 1pm in the Parlor

-Sara Ruth Circle – 2nd Monday of the month – 2:30pm at Carol Carpenter’s home

-Mary Circle – 2nd Tuesday of the month – 6pm at rotating locations

Welcome to Sunday Worship

July 5, 2026



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

8:45 AM Chapel Service

10:00 AM Sanctuary Service