

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 136)
O give thanks to the Lord!
God's steadfast love endures forever.
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Who alone does great wonders.
O give thanks to the Lord!
Give thanks to the God of heaven, for God's steadfast love endures forever!

GATHERING MUSIC
HYMN 710We Lift Our Voices*

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC
"Jubilate"
by Douglas Wagner
Kevin & Kris Kattmann, Handbell Duet

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive us, O God, and help us to follow you.
(Silent prayers)
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE HYMN 698*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION
HYMN 726Will You Come and Follow Me*

SCRIPTURE READING*Daniel 3:19-30*

SERMON*Laura Roberson Hadas*

ANTHEM
"Amazing Grace"
arr. Douglas Wagner
Kevin & Kris Kattmann, Handbell Duet

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 A Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

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 700I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

BENEDICTION
***Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Everette L. Lassiter, our father and grandfather. We love you and miss you! Linda L. Millen, Travis Millen, Melissa Millen; Cathie L. Bridges, Brandon Bridges; Christie L. Winkler, Courtney Butler, and Christopher Jasperse, and their families.

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

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 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 discussion in August on "Lies My Preacher Told Me" By Brent A. Strawn with the dates to be determined.

Join us on **August 23 at the 10am** worship service for the **Blessing of the Backpacks!** We still have **3 backpack tags that have not been taken**. All donated supplies **need to be at the church no later than Aug. 19**. School starts the following Monday.

Summer Choir Information: Anyone is invited to participate in our final Summer Choir opportunity on **August 23**. 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!

Chancel Choir will **resume Wednesday** rehearsals on **August 26th from 6:30 until 7:45 PM** in the Choir Room. Following our first rehearsal, the Choir will enjoy a time of fellowship with a dessert social, location to be determined. Please speak to Sarah if you are interested in joining the Choir!

Starmount Ringers will **resume Wednesday** rehearsals on **September 9 from 5:30 until 6:20 PM** in the Handbell room. Please speak to Sarah if you are interested in joining Starmount Ringers!

A Baby Shower will be held for **Laura Roberson Hadas** on **Sunday, August 30**, in the Parlor following the 10am service. See the weekly email for a link to her registry.

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.**

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!

Outreach:

We are looking for volunteers for an **Out of the Garden** project on **Wednesday, August 19 from 6pm-8pm** to pack and sort food donations. Please sign up in the Chapel, Narthex or through your weekly email.

The harvest at Starmount Community Garden now **totals over 173 lbs.** of produce that has been donated to Share the Harvest! We have donated green beans, okra, tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, yellow squash, onions and cucumbers. Our next **garden workday** will be **August 22**. If you want to help, meet at the garden at 9am.

Serve:

Sign up for Steps of Hope! In place of the former CROP Walk, GUM has found the need to create its own walk, Steps of Hope. 100% of ALL DONATIONS to Steps of Hope will remain in Greensboro. Walk date is **Sunday, September 13, 2026** following our 10:00 worship. Sign up, mark your calendar, walk with our Starmount family in the arboretum across the street. Sign up through the weekly e mail or sign-up sheets in chapel and narthex. If you are unable to walk, you can sponsor one of our walkers!

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.

Preschool Consignment Sale Sept. 16 – 19! Consignors can drop off items on Sept 15 from 6pm -7pm and Sept. 16 from 9:30 am to 3:00pm. See the weekly email for details.

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 are in recess through summer.

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

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- Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist
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Welcome to Sunday Worship
August 16, 2026



8:45 AM Chapel Service

10:00 AM Sanctuary Service