

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.
Seek God in the sanctuary.
Seek God in the burning bush.
Seek God in the burning heart.
The Lord is here! This place is holy!
We are standing on holy ground.

GATHERING MUSIC

***HYMN 744** *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD’S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.
(Silent prayers)
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

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

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ezri Kamara
Daughter of Alphonso & Christa Kamara

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Little one, for you Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God’s love; for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, “It is accomplished”; for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to reign at God’s right hand. All this he did for you, little one, though you do not know it yet. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: “We love because God loved us first.”
(Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland)

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

HYMN 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
(Verse 1)

***HYMN 203** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12: 9-21

SERMON “Repeating the Pattern”
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM “The Lord’s Prayer”
by Malotte
Michaela Kelly, 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.

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 539** *We Will Go Out with Joy*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

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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.



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

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!

The church offices will be closed September 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

We are in need of volunteers to cover the phone and front desk at the church. Please coordinate any time you may be able to give with **Judy Fitchett** at jbfitchett@gmail.com. Thank you to all who have helped out at this time of transition!

Out of Office - Pastor Charlie will be out of the office Sept. 3–7. Please contact the church office at 336-299-8131 with any pastoral emergencies.

A Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on **Sunday, September 13** to elect the slate of officers.

Join us on **September 13** at 10am for **Reconnect Sunday**. We will hold one joint worship service at 10:00am in the sanctuary. Our service will be blended, incorporating music and liturgy from both the 8:45 and 10am services!

Outreach:
Thanks to all who volunteered at the Out of the Garden Project. Some of us packed boxes of food for their mobile food market and others helped sort through Halloween costumes, decorative household items and much more for their Warehouse Seasonal Sale.

The Mission Ministry has received requests for donation for the IRC (**Interactive Resource Center**). Their greatest needs right now are bottled water, toiletries (**especially deodorant**), light weight socks, and men's and women's underwear. They always need the plastic cutlery you save from your carry-out meals! Bring your donations to the gathering space at the church.

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

Litter Cleanup – Greensboro Beautiful’s Big Sweep on **Saturday, September 19**. Signup through the weekly email or in the Narthex to help pick up litter on Lindell St. between W. Market St. and Friendly Ave. Neon vests, grabbers, gloves and trash bags will be provided. We will meet in the parking lot behind Peace United Church of Christ at 2714 W. Market St. Bring water and dress comfortably. Let’s be good stewards of the earth that God has given us and help keep Greensboro beautiful!

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. **Donations** can be brought to the church office and placed in **room 400, next to James’s office. We will only accept donations Sept. 8-11.** Thank you. See the weekly email for more details.

Children’s Church Volunteers needed! If you’re willing to volunteer to nurture our children's faith during Children's Church, following the Children's Conversation in the 10 am service, please let us know! There is an activity provided each week, all you need is a willing spirit and to be approved through our Child Protection Policy. Please see the Sign-Up Genius in the weekly email or reach out to cindy@starmountpres.org with question or interest!

All persons working with minors during the church program year are required to attend training and fill out necessary paperwork for background checks. **If you’ve completed paperwork and training in the last 3 years, you are still covered.** See the weekly email for a link to rsvp to Laura for **training on September 20 at 11:30am** following worship **or at 5:00pm on Zoom!** Or reach out to Laura at laura@starmountpres.org for other options.

Learn:
Thursday Morning Faith Study - 7:30am in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome!

Women of the Church Circles will resume in the fall.

Welcome to Sunday Worship

August 30, 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