October 25, 2026 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet.
And a light unto our path.
Raise your tartans!
We raise them to the Lord!

OPENING MUSIC

BLESSING OF THE KIRK

O Lord, bless the tartans we have presented today.
Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.
We thank you, God, for your Word which has ordained a rich history of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam to Noah to Abraham to David, so onward to the incarnation of Jesus, to the establishment of Christ's church.
Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.
On behalf of all people and all nations, we stand before God in gratitude for a legacy of grace. May we be the church, reformed and always reforming.
Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(Adapted from Scottish Reformer John Knox's Liturgy of 1560)
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your paths, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Even though we turn away from you, we give you thanks that you never turn away from us. God of grace, renew your covenant with us and retrace your ways upon our hearts.
(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
(Verse 1 only)

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 720** *Jesus Calls Us*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22: 34-40

SERMON "Through the Tape"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM *You, Whom I Have Called*
by Gwen McLoed Hall

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.
David Wallace

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Scots Confession, 1560)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 801** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

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.

Join us today in **welcoming** bagpiper, **William Whitfield** to our worship service today.

Front Desk Coverage – We are looking for help with covering the front desk. Particularly Tuesday morning, and afternoons each day of the week. A **Signup Genius** has been created to assist in scheduling. Please consider signing up through your weekly email or by contacting the church office. This allows staff to have lunch and adds a presence in the building. **Thank you!**

Photos and recording today! Please see Emily Mails-Saine today after worship to share your voice with a smile or a thought, or simply your favorite thing about Fall!

Fall Back - Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed next **Saturday, Oct. 31!**

All Saints Day - Nov. 1. Join us as we honor all the saints that have died in the past year. This year we will remember: **Carol Andreson, Betty Andrews, Sylvia Davis, Durante Griffin, Mary Roberson, Fred Sisley, Scott Valle, Bill Webber.** Please let us know if you are aware of any other members that should be on this list.

Join us **Nov. 8** in welcoming **Frank Dew** as we continue our Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship Sunday will be **Nov. 15!** Check the weekly email for a link to a letter from Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee about Stewardship.

Maternity Leave - Laura will be away until January 2027. If there are things you usually coordinate with her, please contact the church office so that the staff can assist you. Her email will not be monitored, and we do not want to contact her by phone. The staff will have a process for getting you what you need!

Connect:
Join us **Nov. 15 at 5pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a **Tailgate Potluck Dinner!** Wear your favorite team jersey, get ready to play games, and bring your favorite tailgate food item to share.

Serve:

Homework Helpers is up and running! If you're willing to help tutor, transport, or provide dinners, please let Margaret Huffman know! margaretkhuffman@gmail.com

Habit for Humanity Volunteers Change Lives! Our Mission Ministry is looking forward to our volunteer date on **Saturday, Nov. 14th from 8-11:30am.** The age requirement to participate is 18 years old and up! **Registration is required by Habitat for each volunteer. Use the link in your weekly email to volunteer.** Please contact Mary Cuadras at murquad@gmail.com or call her at 336 456 2448 if you have any questions.

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.

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!

Learn:

Women of the Church Circles:
Contact Leslie Webb to join a circle. All women are welcome.
Mary's Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm, through May in rotating houses.
Martha's Circle meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1pm in the church parlor.
Sarah Ruth Circle meets the 2nd Monday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 in the church parlor.

Thursday Morning Faith Study - 7:30am in the Parlor. We are discussing our shared beliefs about a Creed, or a Confession of Faith or a Statement of Faith. As people of faith, we have used historical creeds to state our convictions. In this discussion, the group will be using the following topics, God, Bible, Jesus, Soul, Prayer, Eternal Life, and Universal Connectivity, to enlighten our conversation. All beliefs and ideas are welcomed!

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Welcome to Sunday Worship

October 25, 2026

BUILDING LOVING CONNECTIONS • SHARING HOPE THROUGH SERVICE • INSPIRING FAITH IN GOD •

Starmount
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:45 AM Chapel Service

10:00 AM Sanctuary Service