October 11, 2026 20th Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 106)

Happy are those who observe justice,
Who do righteousness at all times.
O give thanks to the Lord, God is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever!

GATHERING MUSIC

***HYMN 681** *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive us and turn us away from our pride and towards your way of grace, mercy, love, and service. Help us to bear fruits of the Kingdom and live as your faithful disciples.
(Silent prayers)
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

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

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 438** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22: 1-14

SERMON "Great Invitation"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM *Children of the Heavenly Father*
arr. Dan Forrest

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 Declaration of Faith)

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. 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 401** *Here in This Place*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today were given to the glory of God by Kaye & Mark Brassfield to celebrate our daughters, Kathryn and Caroline's birthday.

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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.

Baby News! - Maternity Leave - Laura and Cody welcomed their baby BOY, Scotty Keith Hadas, to their family on October 4th. They ask for prayers for healing for Laura and prayers for Cody as he cares for her and little Scotty. **A Meal Train has been set up for the Hadas family.** If you wish to participate, click the link in your weekly email. **Please note that meals can be placed in the cooler. Laura and Cody may be resting and unable to receive visitors.** 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!

Congregational Survey – Closes today - Oct. 11. The Session has been discerning if a capital campaign is needed to address necessary projects related to the facility and our outreach efforts. We would like to gather input from the congregation on the proposed projects and a possible campaign. A congregational survey **went out by email, Sept. 27th and will remain open until the evening of Oct. 11th**. This survey is confidential, and the information will be processed by our partners at Horizons Stewardship, who will then make a report to Session at our October meeting. See the weekly email for more details.

Kirkin' O' the Tartan Sunday is Oct. 25th. All are invited to participate in the procession of tartans at the beginning of the 10am service. Please contact **Frank Burton** if you have questions or are willing to volunteer.

Check your weekly email for the October Newsletter that went out last week!

Outreach:
Mary Schneider and her colleagues at **Magnolia Melodies Music Therapy** are hosting a fundraiser to benefit the **Alzheimer's Association** at the church **on October 9th from 5-7:30.** Tickets for this drive-thru-style dinner can be purchased **using the link in your weekly email**. For a $15 donation you'll get spaghetti w/meat sauce, or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread and a Caesar salad! See Mary if you have questions or wish to support their fundraiser.

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 looking to begin in the month of October. If you're willing to help tutor, transport, or provide dinners, please let Margaret Huffman know! margaretkhuffman@gmail.com

IRC Lunch Prep Thursday, **October 15 at 10:30am** in the Starmount kitchen. Contact Linda Anderson at anderson7510@gmail.com to volunteer to help prepare lunches for the Interactive Resource Center.

Garden Workday – October 17 from 9 to 11am! Meet at the garden to help pull weeds, move some dirt and grow our community garden!

The GUM Food Drive at Walmart Neighborhood Market on Friendly Ave is coming up on Saturday, **October 24th from 8am to 6pm.** Sign up using the link in your email to volunteer to collect food during a 2-hour slot that day. We will also need folks to transport donations from Walmart to the Greensboro Urban Ministry. You can also sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Habit for Humanity Volunteers Change Lives! Our Mission Ministry is looking forward to our volunteer date on **Saturday, November 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.

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 11, 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