November 8, 2026 24th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
by L. Beethoven, arr. Zimmerman
Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)
I lift up my eyes to the hills
From where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 840 *When Peace like a River*
(Congregation sings verses 1 and 4)

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional
arr. Fevig
Brass Ensemble

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, you have given us each different gifts, according to the grace given to us. You remind us that we are all connected as your children. Yet, all too often we ignore those connections and betray our common humanity. We ask for your forgiveness and for a renewed vision. Deliver us from the fear that causes us to see others as enemies. Transform our vision that we might recognize that we are all members of one body in Christ. Help us to offer our gifts in service to others, in your name. (Silent prayers)
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE HYMN 840 *When Peace like a River*
(refrain only)

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 301** *Let Us Build a House*

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8
Matthew 6: 24-33

SERMON "Stewardship for All of Life"
Rev. Frank Dew

ANTHEM *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
by M. Luther
arr. Zimmerman, ed. Faber and Maack
Brass Ensemble

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 Confession of 1967)
Already God's reign is present as a catalyst in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

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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.

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 and **a link to make your 2027 Pledge online. Pledge cards are also available in the narthex.**

Veterans Day – November 11, 2026! We want to honor those who have served and continue to serve our country. Thank you for your service!

Please save the date – Dec. 6 to attend the 2026 Christmas Cantata!

Christmas Staff Appreciation Collection – Consider showing your appreciation for our hardworking staff by contributing to this collection by using the link found in the weekly email to give online, or by writing a check and dropping it off to the office. Please note **Staff Appreciation in the memo line**.

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!

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!**

Connect:
Join us for Just Lunch at **Jason's Deli** in the Friendly Center following the **10am worship service** on **Nov. 15.** All visitors are welcome as our guests. Children are also welcome.

Update: The Tailgate Potluck Dinner has been postponed!

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

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Change Lives! Our Mission Ministry volunteer date is **Saturday, Nov. 14th from 8-11:30am. Registration is required by Habitat for each volunteer. Use the link in your weekly email to volunteer.** murquad@gmail.com

The *Annual Feast of Caring* (sponsored by GUM) is **Nov. 19** at First Baptist Church on Friendly Avenue. **Lunch (11:30 am - 1:30 pm)** or **dinner (5 pm - 7 pm)**, with to-go options also available. This event reminds us that during the holiday season, many face hunger and will be unable to sit down to a holiday feast. Guests are asked to make a minimum donation of $35.00 to attend. Each guest will receive a thank you gift of hand-crafted pottery or 7 beautiful Holiday Honor Cards.

Triad Health Project Stocking Stuffers – Help us collect the items listed in the weekly email and place them in the bin in the **Gathering Space by Dec. 6.** The stockings will be assembled after the 8:45 service on Dec. 6.

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 on 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 on the 2nd Monday of the month from 2:30pm to 3:30pm 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!

Sign up for flowers in the final weeks of 2026 or make plans for 2027!!! – Add your name to the sign-up calendar in the Narthex using the dry erase pen located next to the calendar. Call Jinny Buchanan at 336-549-4674 or email her at jinnybug@mindspring.com. For flowers to be ordered, delivered and acknowledgment placed in the bulletin, please sign up at least **8 days prior** to the Sunday you wish to sponsor the flowers and contact the office with your dedication within that same time frame. Thank you!

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Welcome to Sunday Worship

November 8, 2026

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Starmount
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8:45 AM Chapel Service

10:00 AM Sanctuary Service