

PRELUDE**TRINITY CHIMES****GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. John Odom

*(Please take a moment to sign and pass the Friendship pad.)***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Slade, Tammy & Anna Lewis**OPENING SENTENCES**

***PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 2** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
(Words are also projected.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Kathryn Campbell
Christ Jesus, we confess to You that we have not followed Your ways. We have not forgiven others and we have not sought forgiveness for ourselves. We have not changed our lives in the areas where we have gone wrong nor have we called others to do the same. We grumble and complain, but fail to stand to be a voice of change, a voice crying out in the wilderness. Call us back to Your path. Call us to move past our failures and to seek the courage to listen to the call of the Holy Spirit, to guide our feet into the ways of peace by seeking justice. In the name of Christ, who is coming into our lives in a new way, we pray.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 576** *Gloria, Gloria*
 (Sing 3 times: 1st time everyone in unison,
 2nd –3rd times as a round – Women starting, then men.)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
 The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
(With words and gestures, exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with those around you.)

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

[2-4 year-olds can go to room 214 for preschool Sunday School following the Children's Conversation. The first Sunday of each month, K - 4th graders will remain in worship so that all may participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided for Infants – 2 years in Room 212.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Those who are able may stand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 40:1-11, p. 627 Pew Bible
 Mark 1:1-8, p. 32 Pew Bible

SERMON Rev. John Odom
 "Preparing the Way: Examining the Advent roadmap"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* Brotherton
 Chancel Choir

***SING THE FAITH, 2065** *More Precious than Silver*
 (sing twice)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER****INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

[All baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive sustenance from the Lord's Table. The elders will start trays of bread and cups down each aisle. Please pass the trays along the pew until all have been served. You may eat the bread and drink the cup as you feel led. A gluten-free wafer is served in the middle pew section only. It is in the tray immediately following the bread. If you are seated in another section of the church and desire a gluten-free alternative, please notify one of the elders serving your section.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 5** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE, HYMN 9** (verse 2)
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

***POSTLUDE**

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FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY: Ann, Zack, Debi, and Jim in loving memory of Thomas Z. Osborne, 1927-1991.

READER: Cathy Coons

USHERS: Keith Dawson, Haywood Ingram, Tom Vann, Don Spencer, Matt Copple, Robert Bain

CHURCH OPENER: Exum Bailey**CHURCH CLOSER:** Austin Campbell**VIDEO BOOTH:** Owen Hammer**BEREAVEMENT**

Virginia "Ginny" von Seth (died 11-28-11)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Vi Rader (death of brother)

Bob Overman (mother has lung cancer)
Mark Hammer (his cousin, Dennis Foy died in accident at work)

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for all worship services. Please contact an usher.

PROFESSIONAL CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE in Room 212 for children birth - 2 years during worship.

COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE CAFE serves free, fair - trade coffee and tea in the Gathering Space today from 8:45 -11:30 a.m.

STARMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH: Middle School—Come and join the conversation about what the plans are for the spring. Bring \$3 for dinner and a friend as we lay out the goals and plans for the New Year. 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening. **Senior High—we will meet at OUT OF THE GARDEN**, C3 church, 300 Hwy 68 S, Greensboro, instead of the church at 5:30 p.m. When arriving, drive to the back of the building; a gravel drive leads to the loading dock. The door next to the loading dock is where Out of the Garden is located (there's a sign there too.) We'll return to the church on the bus and pick up food on the way back.

FAITH 319 - CHRISTMAS PICK 3: Hit the jackpot with the Faith 319 Adult Sunday School Class as they study the Christmas stories told in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The 3-week class began Sunday, **December 4**, 9-9:50 a.m., room 319. Pastor John teaching.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON: Grimsley High School Madrigal Choir performs at Starmount on Sunday, **December 11** at 7 p.m. Market Street Brass will be at Starmount on Friday, **December 16** at 7p.m.

HONOR CARDS and other items from Habitat for Humanity, Greensboro Urban Ministry, the Congo Egg Farm and Family Promise make thoughtful gifts! Get yours in the Narthex during Advent. Contact Pat Hall at 292-9544 for more information.

BLACK & TAN: Christmas gathering, **Friday, December 9**, 7 p.m. at the home of Cathy Coons and Mark Hammer (702 Sussex Ct.) Please bring an appetizer.

ODOM OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, December 10, 3 - 5 p.m. All Starmount members, staff, friends and children are invited to celebrate with the Odom family the joys of the season. Drop in for coffee, mulled cider and light refreshments. 308 N. Chapman (grey two-story on the right (coming from W. Market) just as N. Chapman intersects with E. Greenway North.

ANGEL TREE: Starmount's Angel Tree (in the Narthex) will help provide Christmas gifts for several needy families in our community. Please choose an item from the tree to buy. Wrap the item, attach the tag and return it to the tree by the requested date. Thank you for helping with this project.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Thursday, December 22— 6 p.m. meet at the church. 7:30 p.m. dinner at Elizabeth's Pizza on West Market St. Come and carol with us; stay for dinner or just meet us for dinner. Cost of dinner is on your own. We will use the church bus.

GUINNESS AND THE GOOD NEWS: Young adults of all ages are invited to M'Coul's Public House (110 W. McGee Street, Greensboro) at 8 p.m. Wednesday, **December 7** for food and fellowship. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Kathryn.

THIS WEEK AT STARMOUNT

SUNDAY, December 4

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/ VIPs
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 a.m. Children's Choir
11:10 a.m. Green Handbells
11:15 a.m. Confirmation 2012-400
11:15 a.m. PW Board Meets-315
5:30 p.m. SPY! Groups

MONDAY, December 5

No Scheduled Meetings

TUESDAY, December 6

9:00 a.m. Admin. Committee
10:00 a.m. Program Staff - 414
11:30 a.m. Office Staff - 414
4:00 p.m. Star Press Deadline

WEDNESDAY, December 7

6:00 p.m. Blue Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Guinness & the Good News

THURSDAY, December 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Gathering Space
7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds

FRIDAY, December 9

No Scheduled Meetings

SATURDAY, December 10

10 - 12:30 Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
3 - 5 p.m. Odom Open House

LOOKING AHEAD-December 11 Pennies for Hunger

9:00 a.m. Sunday School / VIP's
10:00 a.m. Worship / Children's Sunday School
11:10 a.m. Children's Rehearsal
11:10 a.m. Green Handbells
11:15 a.m. Caring Com. - 315
11:15 a.m. Confirmation 2012 - 400
11:30 a.m. Visitors Reception-Parlor
12:00 p.m. C.E. Committee - 323
4:00 p.m. Youth & Young Adult
5:30 p.m. SPY! Meetings
7:00 p.m. Bridge Group
7:00 p.m. Grimsley Madrigals

POUND CAKES FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS:

Starmount is providing pound cakes for the Christmas dinner for homeless individuals in our community. The only change is the location: from Ham's Restaurant to Bender's Tavern on West Market St. Many cakes are needed. **Please bring them to church by December 22**, and make sure they are marked "for Bender's Christmas dinner." We will cut and bag the cakes on December 23 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Those who wish to do so may cut your cake(s) in slices ahead of time, put in individual sandwich-size bags and place them in a larger freezer bag in the church freezer.

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER: All are invited for this family-style dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15 p.m. The meal is free of charge, but bring canned goods or a monetary donation for the Urban Ministry Food Pantry. Please RSVP to Pastor Kathryn (kathryn@starmountpres.org) or sign up at the Welcome Center desk. **Reservations Required.**

COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY: College students (and parents, please tell your college students!) that the College Christmas gathering is **Wednesday, December 21**, at 6:30 pm at the home of Carter Walton. For more information, please ask Pastor Kathryn.

December 4, 2011 • 10:00 a.m.

Rev. John L. Odom, Pastor
Rev. Kathryn G.N. Campbell, Associate Pastor
Cynthia Pugh, Parish Visitor
Robert Overman, Director of Music Ministries
Michael Parker, Organist

Starmount Presbyterian Church welcomes you! We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's house with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite guests to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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