

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

Rev. John Odom

*(Please take a moment to sign and pass the Friendship pad.)***OPENING SENTENCES**

***PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 66** *We Three Kings of Orient Are*
(Words are also projected.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***HYMN** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* [See Insert]

***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

[Children are dismissed to Church School: 3 - 4 year-olds in Room 214, and K - 4th graders in Room 204. Teachers will meet children in the rear of the sanctuary. Childcare for Infants – 2 years is in Room 212.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 84:1- 8, p. 513 Pew Bible
 Matthew 2:1-12, p. 1 Pew Bible

SERMON

“Welcoming the Magi”

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***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**

Michael Parker, piano

***SING THE FAITH, 2036** *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

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 welcomed and encouraged to receive sustenance from the Lord's Table. Those wishing to receive Communion are invited to come down the aisle to their right, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat. (Gluten-free wafers are at the front of center section.) Please return to your seat using the opposite aisle. For those who are unable to come forward, please signal the usher by raising your hand and communion will be brought to you.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 358** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

CHARGE & BLESSING**POSTLUDE**

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FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY: Pat Hall, Jr. and family in loving memory of Fred Hall, III.

READER: Mary Jane Conger

USHERS: David Wallace, Samantha Bailey, Donna Bailey, Elizabeth Odom, Bruce Pugh, Stan Dixon

CHURCH OPENER: Exum Bailey

CHURCH CLOSER: Stan Dixon

SOUND BOOTH: Keith People

VIDEO BOOTH: Joel Ritter

PRAYER CONCERNS

Montreat College Conference Participants

*Those who are able may stand.

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.

2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are available to be picked up on the tables under the TV in the church gathering space. If you do not see your name on a box and would like to receive envelopes, please contact Libby Wilson, libby@starmountpres.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES will resume next **Sunday, January 8.**

STARMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH: Middle School & Senior High groups will not meet tonight, but will resume next Sunday.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE BIBLE: Join Faith 319 Adult Education as they study "Beginning Bible Basics: *Four Great Themes in the Old and New Testaments*" 9-9:50 a.m. in room 319. This 4-week course begins January 8. John Odom teaching.

BLACK & TAN: Next gathering, **Friday, January 13,** 7 p.m. Please bring an appetizer. Location will be announced next week.

MONTREAT COLLEGE CONFERENCE begins tomorrow afternoon and runs through Thursday, January 5. 24 participants from Starmount and Presbyterian Campus Ministries – Greensboro will be joining with more than 1,000 other college students, small group leaders, and campus ministers for the conference, whose theme is "Seeking Stars," will allow them to challenge themselves to grow deeper in their faith and relationships. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

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, January 4** for food and fellowship. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Kathryn.

ATTENTION CURRENT ELDERS: Committee reports for the Annual Report are due to Brenda Triplett no later than **Monday, January 9.**

ANNUAL SESSION RETREAT: **Saturday, January 7** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MOBILE MEALS HELP NEEDED: A couple or pair of people who have good smiles, cheery hellos and are available on the first Tuesday morning of each month at 9:15 is needed to help deliver meals. Also substitutes are needed to fill in. Please prayerfully consider this and, if you are interested, call Stan Dixon at 294.2132 or Ray Shelton at 707.5022. We'll be glad to give you more information.

ONE CHURCH, ONE BOOK: For anyone who would like to join us, we will be meeting **Wednesday, January 18,** 12 - 1 p.m. in the Parlor. Copies of "Enrique's Journey," which we will discuss, are available in the Gathering Space and Church Library.

THIS WEEK AT STARMOUNT

SUNDAY, January 1 10:00 a.m. Worship	FRIDAY, January 6 No Scheduled Meetings
MONDAY, January 2 Church Office Closed	SATURDAY, January 7 9 - 3 p.m. Annual Session Retreat - FH
TUESDAY, January 3 10:00 a.m. General Staff - 414 10:45 a.m. Program Staff - 414 1:30 p.m. Admin. Committee	LOOKING AHEAD - January 8 Pennies for Hunger 9:00 a.m. Sunday School / VIP's 10:00 a.m. Worship / Children's Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Caring Com. - 319 11:15 a.m. Confirmation 2012 - 400 11:15 a.m. Nominating Com. - Library 11:15 a.m. Personnel Comm-321 11:15 a.m. PW Board - 315 12:00 p.m. C.E. Committee - 323 5:30 p.m. SPY! Meetings
WEDNESDAY, January 4 8:00 p.m. Guinness & the Good News	
THURSDAY, January 5 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Gathering Space 9:00 a.m. Star Press Mailed-414 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music	

MEN OF THE CHURCH: Mark your calendars now for fun and fellowship with the Men of the Church on **Saturday, January 14.** We will meet at Starmount Country Club at 4:30 p.m. to watch an NFL Playoff game. Those who participated in the Fantasy Football should plan to be there. Stay tuned for February and March events.

SESSION MEMBERS

Committee Chairs

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Building & Grounds
Nominating

January 1, 2012 • 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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