

March 5, 2023
10:30 AM Service of Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent
The Lord's Supper

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Deacons Ministry

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise DeMasi

Leader: There is so much we do not understand,
so many mysteries in this life of faith.
But some things are certain.
We do know:

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
God is our keeper and our shade.**

Leader: Let us lift our eyes to God.

People: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you call us to go,
following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise
us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words.
We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can
see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in
you.
Call to us again, that we may be born again through your
Holy Spirit. Help us to believe. And give us the abundant life
that comes from following your will.**

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #555

O Lamb of God

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.**

*THE PASSING OF GOD'S LOVE AND PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all ... **And also with you.**

Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Nancy Sampson

HYMN #414 (Insert)

Be Still and Know That I Am God

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4

p. 11

This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Jesus Paid It All

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 11:31-32

p. 11

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Do Not Settle"

Pastor Stephen Choi

Responding to the Word

*DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the
Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of
a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a
priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious
satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of
evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the
reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind.
They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's
reconciling work. (Adapted from 9.09)**

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #503 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we give you thanks for the body and blood of our Lord, given with love for the world. Send us out in your Spirit to share the good news of salvation and to give ourselves for others; in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word

*HYMN #828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

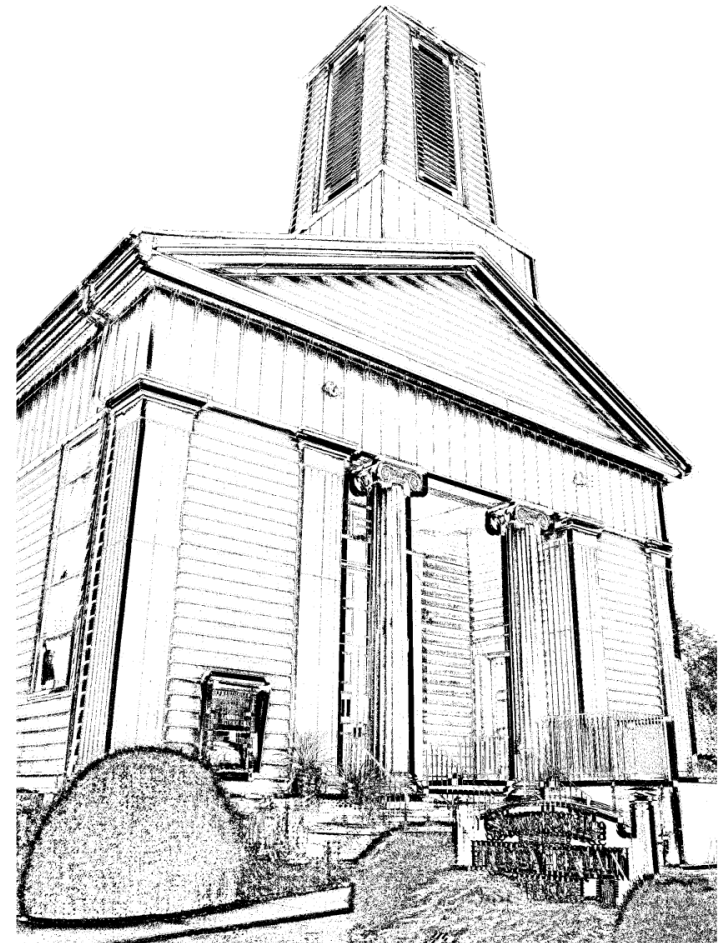
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OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Denise DeMasi
Greeter Today	Sue Gruver
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Janis Clark and Carol Evanoski

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 3/5: AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Monday, 3/6: Pastor Stephen on Vacation through 3/12
Tuesday, 3/7: Zumba Class, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Wednesday, 3/8: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Thursday, 3/9: Grange, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 3/10: Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library
Sunday, 3/12: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Time for Fellowship after Worship Service, Roan Hall
Girl Scout Cookie Sale during Time for Fellowship
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Today, 3/5: Braden Ham
Monday, 3/6: Deborah Johnson
Tuesday, 3/7: Colleen Colucci
John & Ana Wagner – Anniversary
Friday, 3/10: Jacob DeHaas
Saturday, 3/11: Carol Nixon

Announcements

Welcome. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We invite you to sign the pew pad as they are being passed. Restrooms are located downstairs in Roan Hall. We hope that the service is a blessing to you, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Elder on Call. Pastor Stephen will be on vacation from tomorrow, March 6 through Sunday, March 12.

If you are in need of pastoral care while he is away, please contact the following Elder on Call: Bill Nixon at 908-319-2800.

Announcements (continued)

Daylight Saving Time. Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour AHEAD or you will be late for church!

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," the Adult Lunch Group, will meet this Thursday, March 9, at 11:30 a.m. at Williams Family Restaurant, 3630 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA.

We encourage everyone to bring a can of soup or \$1 to the lunch to donate to NORWESCAP Food Bank.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861, by Monday, March 6, to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

Deacons' Offering. During the month of March, we are receiving a special offering to support the work and ministry of our Deacons. Please use the envelope in your offering box, or write a check and note "Deacons" on the memo line.

For online giving, go to the church website (stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Deacons.

One Great Hour of Sharing. The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering will be received throughout Lent and Easter. We will receive this offering through Easter Sunday, April 9.

The Presbyterian Church USA divides the gifts received almost equally between three programs: Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

A special envelope is in your 2023 offering envelope box, or you may write a check noting "OGHS" on the memo line.

For online giving, go to the church website (stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Special, and specify "OGHS" in Notes.

Earthquake Relief Donation. In the wake of the catastrophic impacts from the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing emergency relief in the affected areas.

If you would like to make a donation to PDA to help those affected, from emergency needs through the long-term recovery phase, please give directly to the church, noting "PDA" on your check.

For online giving, go to the church website (stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Special, and specify "PDA" in Notes.

Easter Flowers. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for information on ordering Easter flowers. We are offering daffodils and tulips. The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, March 26.

Girl Scout Cookies. The Brownie Troop will be selling Girl Scout Cookies during Time for Fellowship next Sunday, March 12. They will have a variety of cookies, which sell for \$5-\$6 per box.

2023 Puerto Rico Mission Trip. We are planning a mission trip to Puerto Rico this summer. The dates are July 22-29, 2023.

There will be a mission trip meeting after the worship service on Sunday, March 19.

There are 12 total spots available on the mission trip. We are asking for a \$50 deposit to reserve your place. Spots are filling up quickly. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Stephen.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry. We continue to donate food and toiletries to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

At this time, the food pantry is in particular need of peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, snacks for children, side dishes, and canned stew, as well as grocery bags.

Devotionals. The following daily devotionals are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary:

- "Our Daily Bread," March/April/May issue.
- "Today," March/April issue.
- "Our Daily Bread," large-print edition, Jan./Feb./March issue.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Foundation for Peace.

The mission of Foundation for Peace is building relationships, bringing hope and transforming communities by working hand in hand with local communities and churches in the Dominican Republic, Kenya and Haiti. Among the things offered by Foundation for Peace are healthcare and education. To learn more about Foundation for Peace, visit their website at foundationforpeace.org