

March 12, 2023
10:30 AM Service of Worship
3rd Sunday in Lent

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jon Cantagallo-Rohm

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

**People: Sing the glory of God's name;
give to him glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**People: "All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."**

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples.

People: Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord,
You know us better than we know ourselves.
You know our thoughts,
the unspoken prayers within our hearts.
You know our words before they are formed on our tongues.
You know our lives; our going out and coming home again.
You know us Lord, better than we know ourselves.
Forgive us when we fail to see your wonder and majesty.
Open our eyes and enlarge our faith,
that our knowledge of you, and our service to you
might increase day by day.**

*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 Bob Hurte

ANTHEM *For Those Tears I Died* Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 p. 779-780
This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Buy the Field" The Rev. Alexandra Hendrickson

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)**

*HYMN #634 *To God Be the Glory*

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

Bearing and Following the Word

*HYMN #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

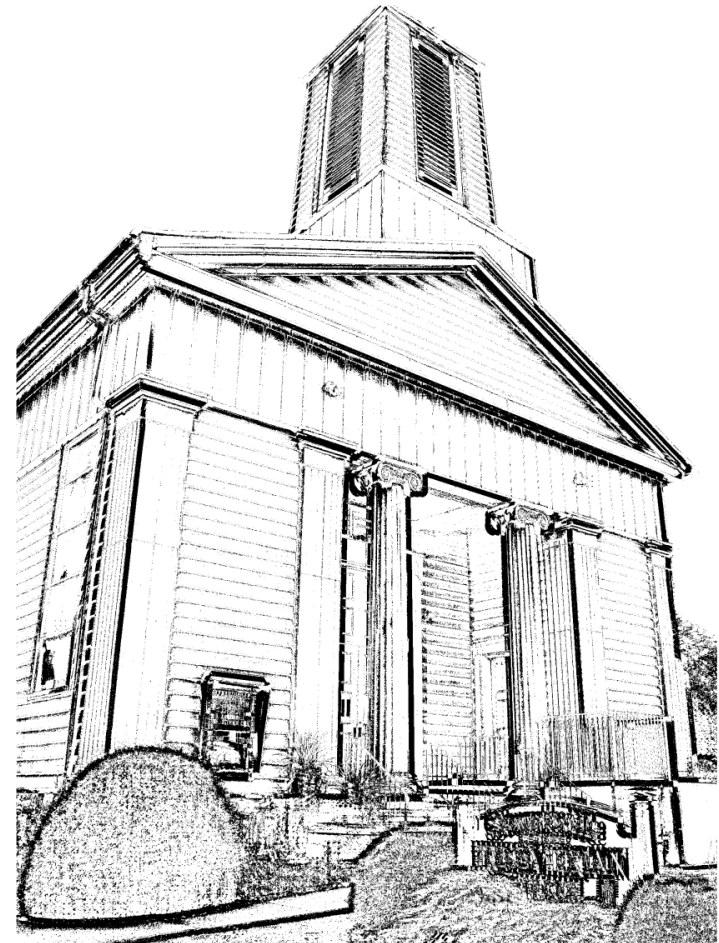
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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



Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

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OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Jon Cantagallo-Rohm
Greeter Today	Roseann Rohm
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Ella Choi and Janis Clark
Hosting Time for Fellowship	Roseann Rohm

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 3/12: Time for Fellowship after Worship Service, Roan Hall
Girl Scout Cookie Sale during Time for Fellowship
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Tuesday, 3/14: Zumba Class, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Wednesday, 3/15: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Thursday, 3/16: Zumba Class, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Friday, 3/17: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library

Sunday, 3/12: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Mission Trip Meeting after Worship Service, Library
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today, 3/12: Don Fohr

Monday, 3/13: Kathryn "Sis" Nuss

Tuesday, 3/14: Barbara Hurte

Wednesday, 3/15: Melanie Loyle

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.

Time for Fellowship. Please join us for Time for Fellowship after our worship service today in Roan Hall. This is an informal time where we can share refreshments and conversations with one another.

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

Announcements (continued)

Guest Minister. Today we welcome the Rev. Alexandra M. Hendrickson to our pulpit. She is originally from Phoenix, AZ, and she received her M. Div. from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained in April 2001. Alex has served as a congregational pastor, a hospice chaplain, and currently serves as chaplain and director of spiritual life at Lafayette College. She lives with her husband and three children in Easton, and is a member of Lehigh Presbytery.

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet on Friday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. at Annabel's Italian Restaurant (formerly Marianna's), 224 Stockton St., Phillipsburg.

All women are invited to join us for a meal, good conversations, and the opportunity to encourage one another.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call Linda Williams at 908-454-8104.

College Care Packages. We would like to stay in touch with our college students! The Deacons will send care packages to college and graduate students in April, and we do not want to miss anyone. Please e-mail the church office at with the mailing address of your student by Friday, March 31.

Palm Sunday. We will have pony rides and a donkey at 9:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday, April 2. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt. Children should bring their own baskets.

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.

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

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.

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.

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 next 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.

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.

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: Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center. The Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County provides services to all who identify themselves as victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference, religion, age, or disabilities. The mission of DASACC is to help, serve, and advocate for those impacted by interpersonal violence, to be proactive regarding its prevention, and to create positive change. For more information, visit their website: dasacc.org