

April 2, 2023
10:30 AM Service of Worship
Palm Sunday
The Lord's Supper

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Morton

Leader: With crowds from ancient times we cry,

People: Hosanna! Save us!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abba God, Father of Jesus,

Forgive our lack of respect and attention,
as your son enters this most painful of weeks.

We, like the disciples, fall asleep when Jesus asks us
to stay awake and pray.

Our minds wander as he sets his path straight for Jerusalem
to speak truth to power on our behalf.

We are careless with our faith,
while Jesus acts with extraordinary love.

Forgive our apathy.

Forgive our inattention.

Forgive our careless and self-serving attitudes.

Remind us, this Holy Week,
of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ.

Let us not take this gracious gift for granted.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #443

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,

and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

*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

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118:1, 19-29

p. 606-607

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

ANTHEM

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

p. 977-978

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Blessed Are the Rejected"

Pastor Stephen Choi

Responding to the Word

*DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people
know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that
no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.
(Adapted from 9.22)

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 #506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Therefore we cry to you: Hosanna! Lord, save us!

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food, so you feed us at this table with simple bread and cup. Here you transform us, by the working of your wondrous love. Now send us out to be Christ's body in your broken and beautiful world to bear your good news of hope and joy for all. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word

*HYMN #301

All Are Welcome

*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

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The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

The Rev. Jack E. Roan, Pastor Emeritus

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

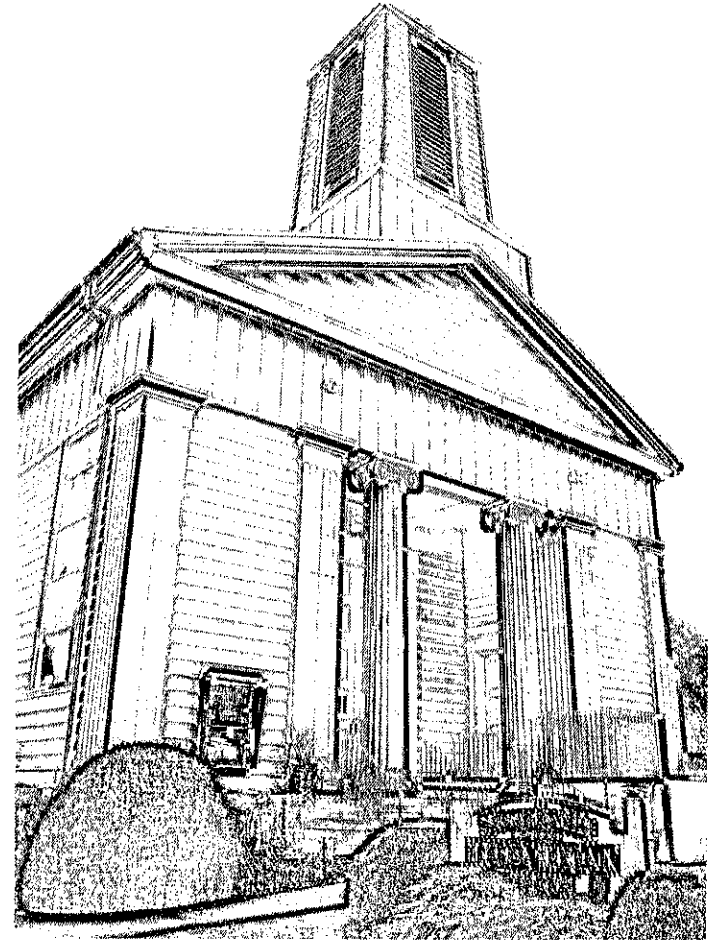
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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of March 30, 2023)

Ann S.	Jayne J.	Angela A.
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Don & Roberta F.	Warner/Gary	Gina R.
Chris M.	Family	Griffin Family
Ero C. & Family	Tom M.	Nicholas C.
Emma K.	Suzanne S.	Brandon L.
Victor	Dan W.	Vanessa P.
Piatt/Evanoski	Mimi	Rodney R.
Family	John G.	John W.
Jackie F.	Baby Violet	David & Carole J.
Bob M.	Jeanne M.	Ben W.
Gonda Family	Vicki N.	Steven M.
Rich B.	Maurice	Joanne G.
Nuss Family	Loren	Jeffrey G.
Zarnowski Family	Ron	Randy W.
Nikki A.	Esther S.	Michaela W.
Ray & Jo G.	Bradbury Family	Bobbi P.
Helen & Family	Laura C.	Betty N.
People of Haiti	Ryder H.	Kevin O.
Sue H.	Barbara Y.	Renée's Parents

Pray for Those Most Affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic
Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace

This Week's Mission Partner: Family Promise of
- Warren County

To submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at
908-859-1399 or office@stewartsvillepc.org

OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Michael Morton
Greeter Today	Bob Hurte
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Janis Clark and Sarah Sampson

Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Today, 4/2: Egg Hunt after Worship Service
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Wednesday, 4/5: Deacons Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 4/7: Good Friday
Soup Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Good Friday Service of Shadows, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Saturday, 4/8: Samplemakers, 10:00 a.m., Roan Hall
Sunday, 4/9: Easter Sunday
No Sunday School
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Monday, 4/3: Bob Heinrich
Alford "Bo" Johnson III
Wednesday, 4/5: Dawn Barretto
Adeline Clark
Charlie & Sue Henshaw – Anniversary
Thursday, 4/6: Bob Hurte

Holy Week Services

Good Friday, April 7. We will gather for a soup dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Roan Hall. The meal will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. If you plan to attend, please speak with Linda Williams or call her at 908-454-8104.

The Good Friday Service of Shadows will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 9. We will celebrate Easter during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. There will be no Sunday School. The Nursery will be open, but not staffed.

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.

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," the Adult Lunch Group, will meet on Thursday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m. at Annabel's Italian Restaurant (formerly Marianna's), 224 Stockton St., Phillipsburg. 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, April 10, to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

One Great Hour of Sharing. The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering is being received throughout Lent and Easter. We are receiving 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.

Camp Johnsonburg Brochures. Camp Johnsonburg, a ministry of the 4 New Jersey Presbyteries, offers summer programs for children and youth entering 1st through 12th grade.

Camp brochures are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or by calling the church office.

Camp Scholarships are available through our church. Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you are interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity.

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

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 canned mixed vegetables, peanut butter & jelly, microwave cake mixes, and juice boxes, 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, April/May/June issue.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Family Promise of Warren County. Family Promise is a community initiative that achieves sustainable independence for homeless and low-income families, and individuals by mobilizing community resources to provide shelter, meals, re-housing, training, and support services leading to permanent housing and lasting self-sufficiency. Before the pandemic, our church hosted families and individuals throughout the year.