

April 9, 2023  
10:30 AM Service of Worship  
Easter

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marsha Colaluce

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: God has answered us!

**People: God has come to earth to become our salvation!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*HYMN #245

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Resurrected Christ,**

**There is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us.**

**There is no way we can earn your love.**

**There is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness.**

**And yet, you shower your mercies upon us.**

**You, who have taken away the sting of death,**

**meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear,**

**in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe.**

**Meet us here in this place,**

**and call us once again to trust in you.**

\*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

Noelle Steller

FIRST LESSON

John 20:1-10

p. 1074

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

ANTHEM

*He Is Risen!*

Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 20:11-18

p. 1074-1075

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"While It Was Still Dark"

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)

\*HYMN #250

*Hymn of Promise*

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

Denise DeMasi

\*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 #238

*Thine Is the Glory*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #543

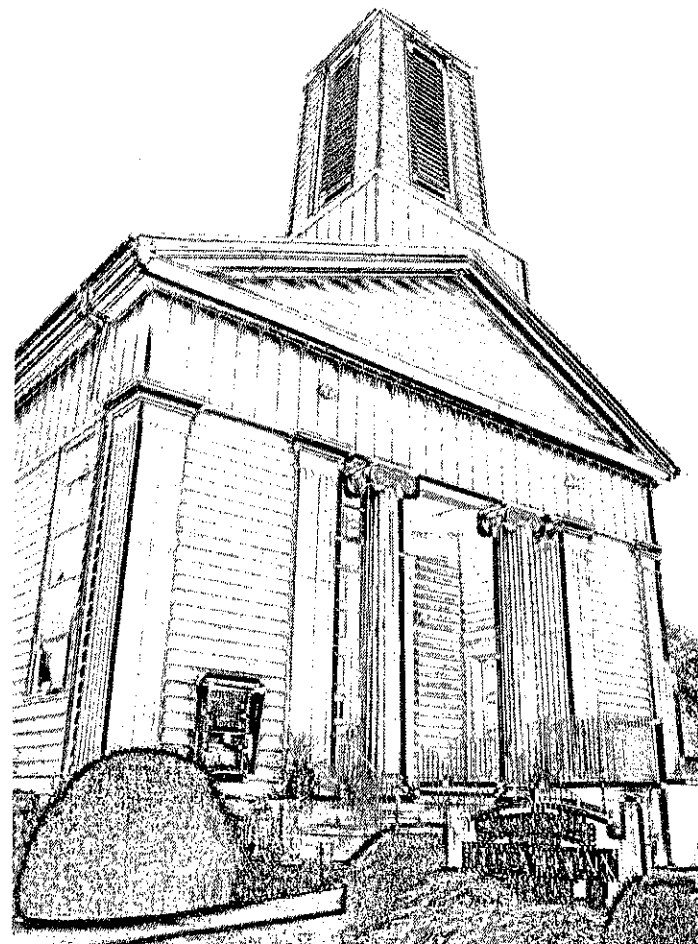
*O Christ, Surround Me*

*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

**The Ministers: All the Members**

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of April 5, 2023)

Fran E.	Zarnowski Family	Ron
Amanda & Family	Nikki A.	Esther S.
Theresa S.	Ray & Jo G.	Ryder H.
Honey/Sinclair Family	Helen & Family	Romeo B.
Mazzoni Family	People of Haiti	Nicholas C.
Ann S.	Sue H.	Brandon L.
Helen H.	Jayne J.	Vanessa P.
Don & Roberta F.	Elsie F.	Rodney R.
Chris M.	Warner/Gary Family	John W.
Ero C. & Family	Tom M.	David & Carole J.
Emma K.	Suzanne S.	Ben W.
Victor	Dan W.	Steven M.
Piatt/Evanoski Family	Mimi	Joanne G.
Jackie F.	John G.	Jeffrey G.
Bob M.	Baby Violet	Randy W.
Gonda Family	Jeanne M.	Michaela W.
Rich B.	Vicki N.	Bobbi P.
Nuss Family	Maurice	Betty N.
	Loren	Kevin O.
		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: UrbanPromise**

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

## OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

<b>Assisting in Worship Today</b>	Marsha Colaluce
<b>Greeters Today</b>	Brad and Lisa Fry
<b>Broadcast Team</b>	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
<b>Nursery Today</b>	The Nursery is Open, But Not Staffed

### Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 4/9:** AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Wednesday, 4/12:** AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Thursday, 4/13:** Adult Lunch Group, 11:30 a.m., Annabel's Italian  
Restaurant

**Friday, 4/14:** Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library  
Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

**Sunday, 4/16:** Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Deacons Assemble College Care Packages after Worship Service  
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Monday, 4/10:** Bruce Stoddart

**Thursday, 4/13:** Giavanna Cantagallo-Rohm

**Saturday, 4/15:** Madison Wolfinger

### 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.

**One Great Hour of Sharing.** The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering is being received today, Easter.

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.

### **Announcements (continued)**

**Adult Lunch Group.** "Grazing with Grace," the Adult Lunch Group, will meet this 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 tomorrow, April 10, to make your reservation.

Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

**Women's Circle.** The Women's Circle will meet on Friday, April 28, 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.

**Blood Drive.** We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

The bloodmobile will be in the parking lot and all COVID protocols will be followed.

Anyone wishing to donate can call Cindy Bowman at 908-859-2823 or email her at [cmbowman1023@gmail.com](mailto:cmbowman1023@gmail.com) to set up an appointment.

**Deacons Offering.** We received \$433 for the special offering collected recently for the work and ministries of our Deacons. Thank you for your generosity!

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

We only have a couple of spots left.

If you are interested or have any 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.

**Gettysburg Bus Trip.** The Lehigh Valley Fleet Reserve Association Black Diamond Branch 115 will be sponsoring a one-day bus trip to Gettysburg, PA, on Monday, June 5.

The trip includes a 2-hour guided battlefield tour, lunch, and museums.

The cost is \$90 plus a tip for the bus driver. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 26.

For more information, please contact Bill Nixon at 908-319-2800 or [bnixon708@gmail.com](mailto:bnixon708@gmail.com).

**Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: UrbanPromise.**

Established in 1988, the mission of UrbanPromise is to equip Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. UrbanPromise offers after-school programs, summer camps, two schools, experiential learning, job training, and a host of other programs that challenge youth to develop and realize their potential. To learn more about UrbanPromise, visit their website: [urbanpromiseusa.org](http://urbanpromiseusa.org)