

April 16, 2023  
10:30 AM Service of Worship  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Deak

Leader: Come to worship the One who heals us,

**People: Who opens our eyes to the goodness of God's world.**

Leader: Come to worship the One who frees us,

**People: Who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.**

Leader: Come to worship the One who calls us,

**People: Who offers us life and showers us with grace.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*HYMN #267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy,

Forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger,  
the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need.

Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories  
that we forget the truth of the Easter story.

Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act,  
quick to speak and slow to listen,  
quick to fear and slow to care.

Break into our lives, God of surprises,  
and grant us the faith to recognize 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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN #482

*Baptized in Water*

Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bob Hurte

FIRST LESSON

John 21:1-14

p. 1075

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

ANTHEM

*Pass It On*

Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 21:15-19

p. 1075-1076

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Breakfast Is Ready"

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 #19

*God of Great and God of Small*

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 #306      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

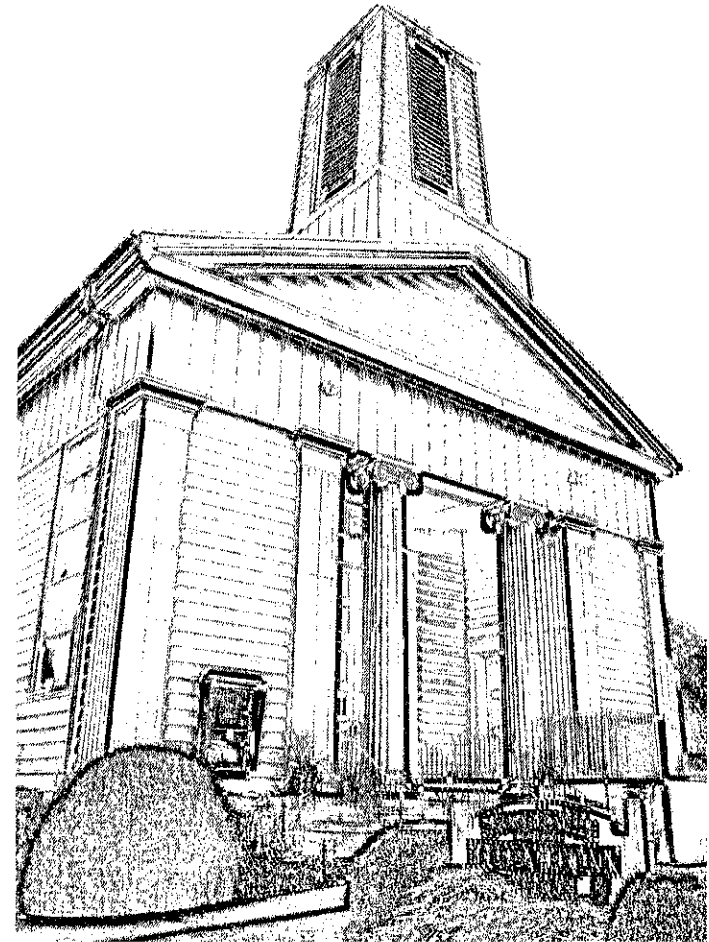
\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*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 12, 2023)

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

To submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at  
908-859-1399 or [office@stewartsvillepc.org](mailto:office@stewartsvillepc.org)

## OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Alan Deak
Greeter Today	Kay Piperato
Broadcast Team	Bill Fleming and Bruce Wolfinger
Nursery Today	Janis and Jim Clark

### Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 4/16:** Deacons Assemble College Care Packages after  
Worship Service

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Monday, 4/17:** Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library

**Tuesday, 4/18:** Pastor Stephen Out of the Office through April 29

**Wednesday, 4/19:** AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Friday, 4/21:** Fiber Arts, 9:30 a.m., Roan Hall

**Sunday, 4/23:** Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Time for Fellowship after Worship Service

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Thursday, 4/20:** Paulie Williams

### 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 and attending a Synod Commission Meeting from this Tuesday, April 18 through Saturday, April 29. 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

**Sacrament of Baptism.** Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is Wyatt Harold Em.

He is the son of Robert and Caitlin Em, and the grandson of Michael and Denice Morton.

Wyatt was born March 28, 2017. His older brother is Nolan.

### Announcements (continued)

**With Sympathy.** Ann Stone, a long-time member of our congregation, passed away on Saturday, April 8. Her funeral service was held on Friday, April 14, in our church.

Ann served as an Elder and a Deacon, and was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee when Pastor Stephen was called to be our minister.

Please keep Ann's family and friends in your prayers.

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

**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.

We need to have 25 people registered to donate. 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 908-619-8697 or email her at [cmbowman1023@gmail.com](mailto:cmbowman1023@gmail.com) to set up an appointment.

**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: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. PDA's program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.