

April 23, 2023
10:30 AM Service of Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Nixon

Leader: We love the Lord,
because God has heard our voices and supplications.

**People: Because God listened to us,
we will call on God as long as we live.**

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord
for all God's bounty to us?

**People: We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Tender and Loving God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
by not following your ways.
We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves.
Forgive our mistakes
and help us to become more like our Savior Jesus,
in whose name we pray.**

*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

Rosie England

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

p. 1078-1079

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

ANTHEM

Seek and Ye Shall Find

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

p. 1047-1048

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Travel Companion"

The Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje

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 #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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 #157

I Danced in the Morning

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #543

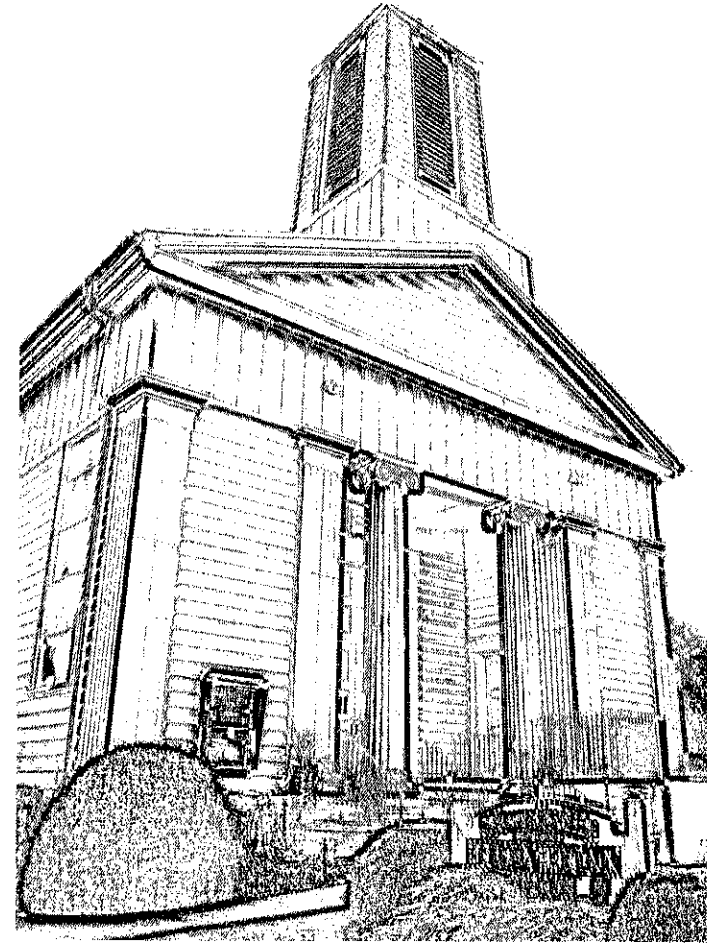
O Christ, Surround Me

*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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	Baby Violet	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: America's Grow-A-Row

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	Bill Nixon
Greeter Today	Kathy Montgomery
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Ella Choi and Janis Clark.
Hosting Time for Fellowship	Lisa and Brad Fry

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 4/23: Time for Fellowship after Worship Service, Roan Hall
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Wednesday, 4/26: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 4/28: Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library
Women's Circle, 6:00 p.m., Annabel's Italian Restaurant
Saturday, 4/29: Grange, 8:30 a.m., Kitchen Use
Sunday, 4/30: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Wednesday, 4/26: John Hawk
Thursday, 4/27: Savana Williams
Friday, 4/28: G.G. and Kurt Schriever – Anniversary

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.

Elder on Call. Pastor Stephen will be on vacation and attending a Synod Commission Meeting through this 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

Announcements (continued)

Guest Minister. Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje to our pulpit. She was born in Malawi and became a political refugee when she was less than a month old. She and her siblings grew up in Lusaka, Zambia and Hilversum, the Netherlands. Her mother's job with the United Nations moved the family to New York City. The Rev. Khonje received her BA from Chadron State College in Nebraska. She holds a Master's degree in Medical Microbiology from Long Island University. Her plan had been to earn her PhD in Immunology because of her interest in cancer and AIDS research, but answering the Lord's call, the Rev. Khonje graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 2007, and from United Lutheran Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry degree in May 2018.

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet this 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 to set up an appointment.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering that was received during Lent and on Easter.

We received \$300, which will be divided between three programs of The Presbyterian Church USA: Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

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 peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.), side dishes, and canned chili, as well as grocery bags.

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.

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

- "Our Daily Bread," March/April/May issue.
- "Today," May/June 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 this Wednesday, April 26.

For more information, please contact Bill Nixon at 908-319-2800 or bnixon708@gmail.com.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: America's Grow-A-Row. America's Grow-a-Row, located in Pittstown, NJ, donates 2.5 million pounds, or 10 million servings, of farm fresh produce annually to food banks, soup kitchens, and food pantries. Its mission is to positively impact as many lives as possible through a volunteer effort of planting, picking, rescuing, and delivering free fresh produce.