

April 30, 2023
10:30 AM Service of Worship
4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Justin Jewell

Leader: Our Good Shepherd calls.

People: He knows us each by our name.

Leader: Our Good Shepherd leads.

People: We are here to listen and to follow.

Leader: Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

People: We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

***HYMN #385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of community,

**You call us to a world radically different
from what we are used to.**

You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.”

**You show us a life where goods are shared,
where all are loved,
and faithfulness is shown through generosity.**

**But we cling to our possessions,
trusting them more than we trust you.**

Forgive us, merciful God.

**Help us to truly believe in your just
and peaceful realm
and to work to make it so.**

***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

Allison de Haas

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

p. 544

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

ANTHEM

Morning Has Broken

Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 10:1-10

p. 1062

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Jesus Is the Gate”

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 #187**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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 #634

To God Be 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

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The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

The Rev. Jack E. Roan, Pastor Emeritus

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

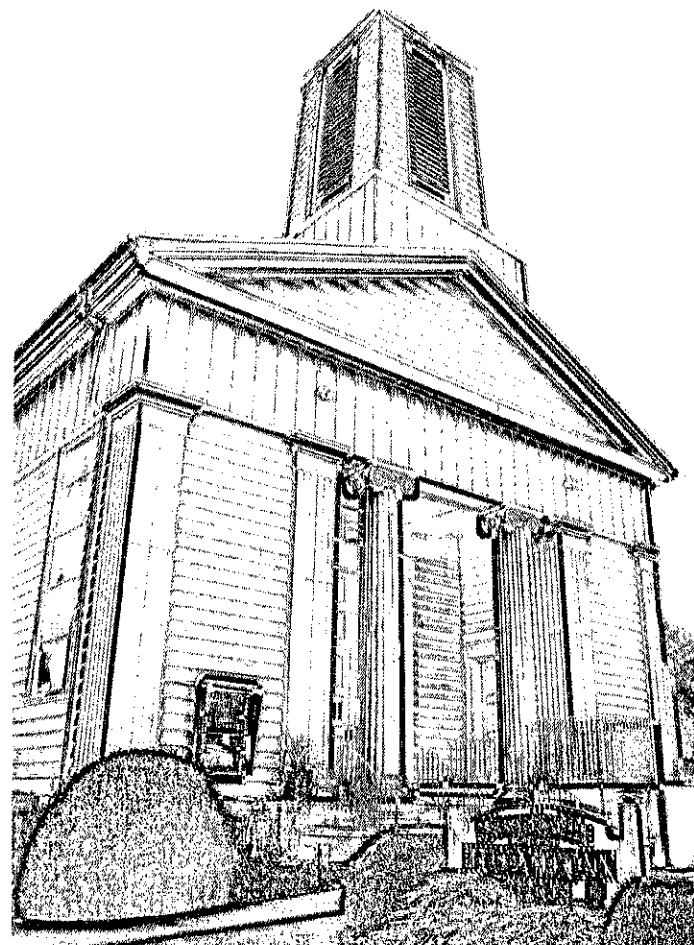
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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION (as of April 26, 2023)

Dody M.	Emma K.	Dan W.
Jeff S.'s Children	Victor	Mimi
Clemot/Clark	Piatt/Evanoski	John G.
Family	Family	Dan W.
Sileo Family	Jackie F. Bob M.	Ryder H.
Stone Family	Gonda Family	Romeo B.
Rodney R.	Rich B.	Nicholas C.
Matthew G.	Nuss Family	Brandon L.
Kurt & Robyn C.	Zarnowski Family	Vanessa P.
Frost Family	Nikki A.	John W.
Wade S. & Family	Ray & Jo G.	David & Carole J.
Fran E.	Helen & Family	Ben W.
Amanda & Family	People of Haiti	Steven M.
Theresa S.	Sue H.	Joanne G.
Honey/Sinclair	Jayne J.	Jeffrey G.
Family	Elsie F.	Randy W.
Mazzoni Family	Warner/Gary	Bobbi P.
Helen H.	Family	Betty N.
Don & Roberta F.	Tom M.	Kevin O.
Ero C. & Family	Suzanne S.	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: Community FoodBank of NJ

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	Justin Jewell
Greeter Today	Linda Williams
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Janis Clark and Carol Evanoski

Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Today, 4/30: AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Monday, 5/1: Mission Trip Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
Wednesday, 5/3: Deacons Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
 AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 5/5: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library
Saturday, 5/6: Grange, 8:30 a.m., Kitchen Use
Sunday, 5/7: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., with Holy Communion
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday, 5/1: Scott DeMasi
Tuesday, 5/2: Sean Marek
Wednesday, 5/3: Joyce Shauger
Friday, 5/5: Timothy & Maureen Sampson – Anniversary
Saturday, 5/6: Elsie Freeh

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, May 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brass Rail, 840 Belvidere Rd., 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, May 8, to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

Announcements (continued)

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.

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.

There will be a mission trip meeting tomorrow, May 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the library.

If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with Pastor Stephen.

Attention Proud Parents! We would like to include information about our high school, college, and trade school graduates in the June Newsletter.

Please e-mail the following information to the church office by Friday, May 19: Student's name, the school from which they are graduating, the date of graduation, the type of degree or certificate they earned, and what their future plans may be (college/trade school, work, etc.).

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.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Community FoodBank of NJ. The Community FoodBank of NJ fights hunger and poverty in New Jersey by assisting those in need and seeking long-term solutions. They package food orders for local soup kitchens and food pantries; purchase and collect food for distribution; help people in need through SNAP application assistance; reach communities with limited resources with mobile pantries; and encourage others to get involved. Last year, they distributed food for over 86 million meals (more than 103 million pounds).