

May 7, 2023  
10:30 AM Service of Worship  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
The Lord's Supper

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Deak

Leader: Gather us, O God.

**People: There is room for us all.**

Leader: Dwell with us, O God.

**People: Show us the way.**

Leader: Guide us, O God.

**People: We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way,  
our truth, and our life.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*HYMN #370

*This Is My Father's World*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ, our way, our truth, our life,  
You have shown us the way, so clearly and fully.  
You have not simply told us how to live,  
you have shown us.  
But we still don't get it.  
We do not believe all you have said to us;  
we do not trust the way you have shown us.  
Help us, O God.  
Forgive us.  
Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way,  
and lead us into new life.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.***

\*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

1 Peter 2:2-10

p. 1201

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

ANTHEM

*Blessed Assurance*

Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 14:1-14

p. 1067-1068

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Greater Works Than Jesus"

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 #515

*I Come with Joy*

## The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

**Giving God,**

**At your table, we have been fed, and our thirsty spirits have been quenched. We thank you for communion with our risen and glorious Lord.**

**Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Bearing and Following the Word

\*HYMN #246

*Christ Is Alive!*

\*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**

**The Ministers: All the Members**

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

The Rev. Jack E. Roan, Pastor Emeritus

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

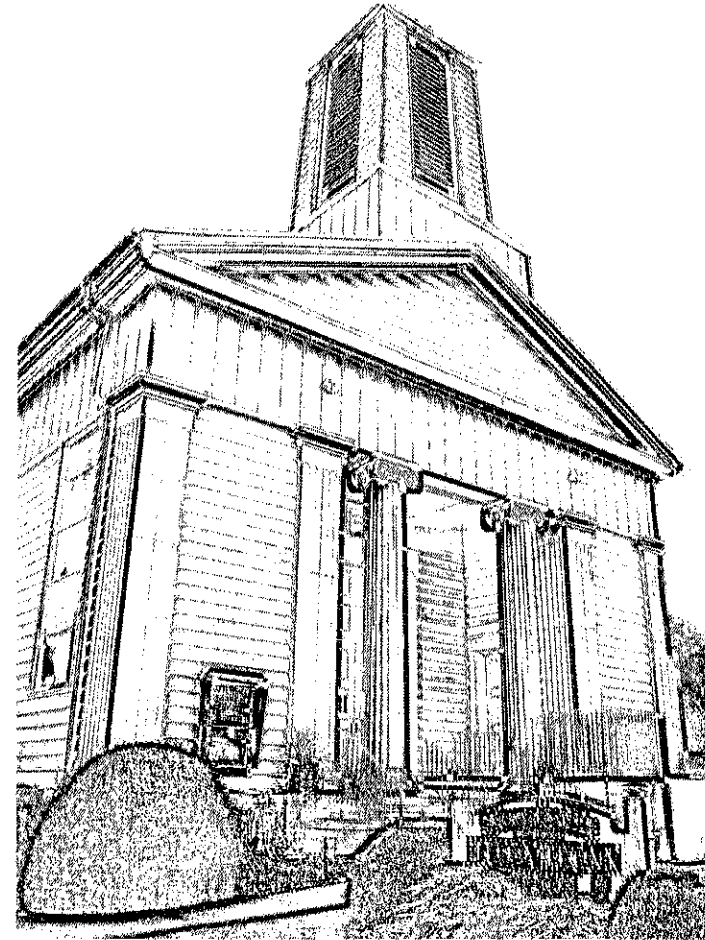
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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of May 3, 2023)

Purcell Family	Kurt & Robyn C.	Nikki A.
Fohr Family	Frost Family	Ray & Jo G.
Sue H.	Wade S. & Family	Helen & Family
G.G. S.	Fran E.	People of Haiti
Suh Family	Amanda & Family	Elsie F.
Henry H.	Theresa S.	Ryder H.
Griffin Family	Honey/Sinclair	Romeo B.
Scott B.	Family	Nicholas C.
Young Family	Mazzoni Family	Brandon L.
Nora W.	Helen H.	Vanessa P.
Jane R.	Ero C. & Family	John W.
Eileen D.	Emma K.	David & Carole J.
Dody M.	Victor	Ben W.
Jeff S.'s Children	Piatt/Evanoski	Steven M.
Clemot/Clark	Family	Joanne G.
Family	Bob M.	Jeffrey G.
Sileo Family	Gonda Family	Randy W.
Stone Family	Rich B.	Betty N.
Rodney R.	Nuss Family	Kevin O.
Matthew G.	Zarnowski Family	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: Kiva**

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	Alan Deak
Greeter Today	Fred Gary
Broadcast Team	Bill Fleming and Bill Nixon
Nursery Today	Ella Choi and Janis Clark

### Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 5/7:** AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Wednesday, 5/10:** AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Thursday, 5/11:** Adult Lunch Group, 11:30 a.m., Brass Rail  
 Grange, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Friday, 5/12:** Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library  
 Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library  
**Saturday, 5/13:** Samplemakers, 10:00 a.m., Roan Hall  
**Sunday, 5/14:** Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

### This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Friday, 5/12:** Katie DeMasi  
**Saturday, 5/13:** Phyllis Ballentine  
 Esther Schoeneberger

### 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.

**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 10 more people registered to donate. The bloodmobile will be in the parking lot.

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.

### Announcements (continued)

**With Sympathy.** Donald Fohr, a member of our congregation, passed away Friday, April 28. His funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 3.

Don was the superintendent of the Stewartsville Presbyterian Cemetery. Please keep Don's wife, Roberta, and their family in your prayers.

Barbara "Bobbi" Purcell passed away on Tuesday, May 2. Her memorial service was held on Saturday, May 6.

Please keep Bobbi's husband, Chuck, and their 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

**Adult Lunch Group.** "Grazing with Grace," the Adult Lunch Group, will meet this 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 tomorrow, May 8, to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

**Play Ball!** Come join us for an IronPigs baseball game outing on **Friday, June 16** at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 IronPigs Way, Allentown, PA. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 5:45 p.m.

The IronPigs (the AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies) are scheduled to play the Toledo Mud Hens (AAA affiliate of the Detroit Tigers).

The deadline to order tickets is Friday, June 9.

Tickets cost \$10 per person with a \$2 credit embedded in that ticket to go toward food or merchandise purchases. You can pay for your tickets with cash or a check, made out to Stewartsville Presbyterian Church.

Coca-Cola Park is cashless. Parking is \$5 per car.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please see Bill Nixon, call or text him at 908-319-2800, or email him at [bnixon708@gmail.com](mailto:bnixon708@gmail.com)

**Phone Hacked.** Pastor Stephen's phone may have been hacked. If you should receive strange texts or emails that appear to be from him, please contact Pastor Stephen directly.

**Collection for Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley.** During the month of May, we are collecting needed toiletry items for the clients of Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

The items are: Bars of soap, toothpaste, individually wrapped toothbrushes, and packages of wet wipes.

There will be a donation bin in the back of the sanctuary where we will collect these items.

**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.

**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.).

**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: Kiva.** Kiva is an international non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. By lending as little as \$25, anyone can help a borrower start or grow a business, go to school, access clean energy, or realize their potential. For some, it's a matter of survival. For others, it's the fuel for a life-long ambition. Since March 2012, Stewartsville Presbyterian Church has made 462 loans totaling \$11,875 to people living in 85 different countries. We were able to do this with less than \$2,500. As we have been repaid, we are able to give new loans.