

May 14, 2023
10:30 AM Service of Worship
6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Melchore

Leader: Our God gathers us here.

**People: We have been tested, we have suffered,
but God has brought us through.**

Leader: Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

**People: We cried aloud to God,
and God listened and answered.**

Leader: Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,

We love you imperfectly:

we do not always keep your commandments.

We love each other imperfectly:

**we hurt those you call us to love
through our actions and our inaction.**

We love ourselves imperfectly:

**we struggle to believe that we are truly your children,
made in your image.**

Forgive us.

**By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful
that we might live as Christ has shown us,
reflecting your love and grace.**

*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

Mary Lou Gary

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 66:8-10, 16-20

p. 570

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

ANTHEM

Count Your Blessings

Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 14:15-21

p. 1068

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"More Than Words"

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 #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

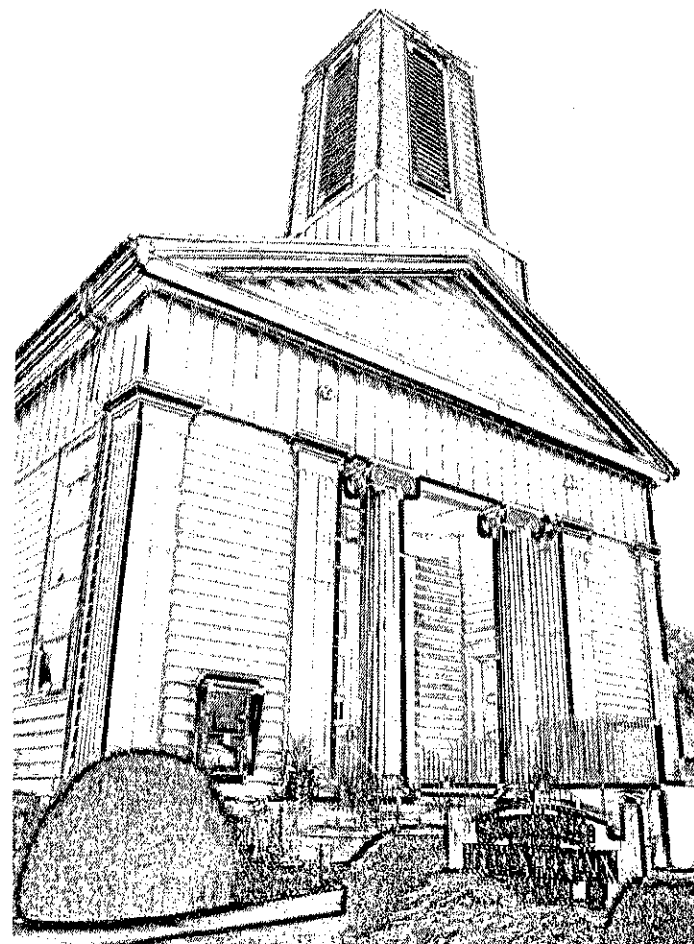
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #246 *Christ Is Alive!*
*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

STEWARTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of May 11, 2023)

Sam H.	Jeff S.'s Children	Bob M.
Howard B.	Sileo Family	Gonda Family
Sally D.	Stone Family	Suzanne S.
Buerkle/Strausser Family	Rodney R. Matthew G.	Elsie F. Ryder H.
Purcell Family	Kurt & Robyn C.	Romeo B.
Fohr Family	Frost Family	Nicholas C.
Sue H.	Wade S. & Family	Brandon L.
G.G. S.	Fran E.	Vanessa P.
Suh Family	Amanda & Family	John W.
Henry H.	Theresa S.	David & Carole J.
Griffin Family	Honey/Sinclair Family	Ben W. Steven M.
Scott B.	Mazzoni Family	Joanne G.
Young Family	Helen H.	Jeffrey G.
Nora W.	Ero C. & Family	Randy W.
Jane R.	Emma K.	Bobbi P.
Eileen D.	Victor	Betty N.
Dody M.	Piatt/Evanoski Family	Kevin O. Renée's Parents
Clemot/Clark Family		

Pray for Those Most Affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic
Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace

This Week's Mission Partner: Matt and Becki Beack
(Missionaries in Philippines)

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	Judy Melchore
Greeter Today	Ed and Sue Ham
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Carol Nixon

Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Today, 5/14: AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Monday, 5/15: Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
Wednesday, 5/17: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 5/19: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library
 Fiber Arts, 9:30 a.m., Roan Hall
Sunday, 5/21: Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 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

Monday, 5/15: Jadyynn Banghart
 Ruth Ann Hoyt
 Dave & Dawn Barretto – Anniversary
Thursday, 5/18: Lorlyn Heinrich
 Richie Sbriscia
Friday, 5/19: Giulianna Cantagallo-Rohm

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 are sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, next Sunday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We need 5 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)

Guest Organist. Many thanks to Deborah Clewell for filling in as our organist today. Debbi is a Registered Nurse and was the organist at Fairmount Presbyterian Church from 1979 to 2007.

Office Manager Vacation. Our office manager, Renee Herb, will be on vacation from Monday, May 15 through Tuesday, May 24.

During this time, Pastor Stephen will be checking the office email and voicemail.

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet on Friday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m. at Williams Family Restaurant, 3630 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA.

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.

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

Memorial Day Events

Saturday, May 27: There will be a Memorial Day 2 Bell Ceremony at Veterans Rally Point and Memorial in Lopatcong Township Municipal Park. The ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m., with light refreshments at about 8:30 a.m. Bring a lawn chair/blanket.

Monday, May 29: Greenwich Township will hold their Memorial Day Parade and Service. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on North Main Street and will march to Thomas Stewart Park. The service will begin at about 11:00 a.m. in the park.

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 is 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 this 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.

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.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Matt and Becki Beack (Missionaries in Philippines).

Matt and Becki Beack have been serving as missionaries in the Philippines since 2011 through Action International Ministries. They are currently in the Philippines working with Member Care, attending to the emotional and spiritual needs of the missionaries there. Our church has been supporting Matt and Becki and their four sons since 2014. Please keep the Beack family in your prayers.