

May 28, 2023
10:30 AM Service of Worship
Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Bowman

Leader: Spirit of God, who awakened creation
and stirred dry bones to life –

People: Sweep through this space and enliven our worship.

Leader: Spirit of God, who descended as tongues of flame
and gave birth to the church –

People: Sweep through this space and ignite our hearts.

Leader: Spirit of God, who guides our ministry
and equips us for service –

People: Sweep through this space and empower our witness.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

You come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages.

You speak to each of us in the way we can understand.

You reach out to us and meet us where we are.

But we are quick to limit you

to what we can understand and control.

Forgive us,

and set your Spirit loose among us.

Challenge us, surprise us,

and open us to your power,

that we might know you more deeply,

follow you more faithfully,

and love more fully.

*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

Bob Hurte

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:1-7

p. 2

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

ANTHEM

God of Our Fathers

Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-23

p. 1075

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Breathe"

Pastor Stephen Choi

Responding to the Word

*DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

(Adapted from 9.20)

*HYMN #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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 #539 *We Will Go Out with Joy*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #246 *Christ Is Alive! (Verse 5)*
*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

The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

The Rev. Jack E. Roan, Pastor Emeritus

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

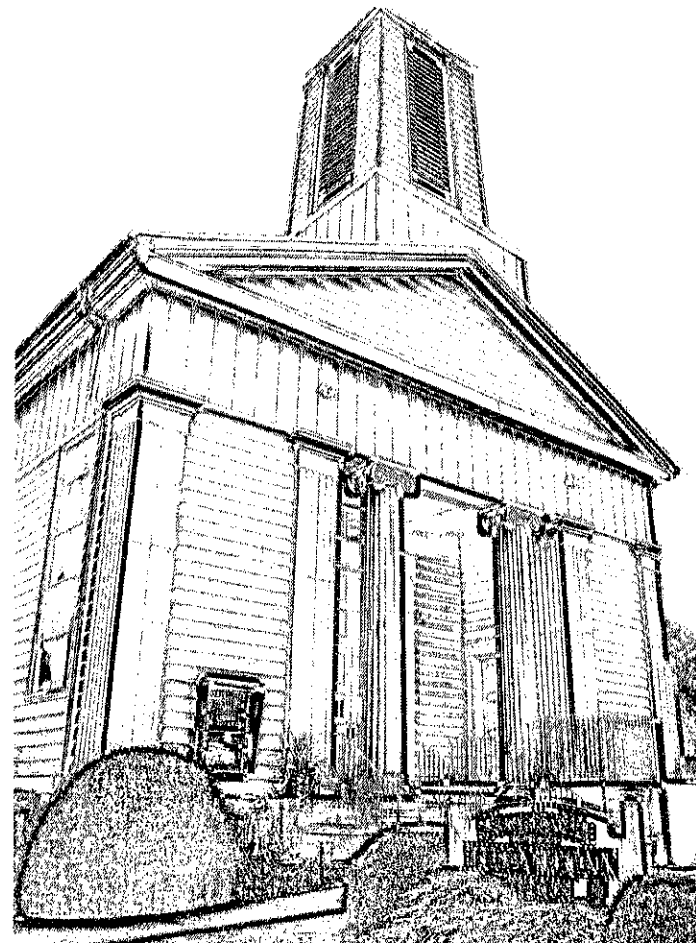
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Devotionals. The following daily devotionals are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary:

- “Our Daily Bread,” June/July/August issue.
- “Today,” May/June issue.
- “Our Daily Bread,” large-print edition, April/May/June issue.

Pray for This Week’s Mission Partner: Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Miller-Keystone Blood Center’s mission is to save lives by partnering with the community to provide a continuous supply of blood products and services. Founded in 1971, Miller-Keystone serves as the sole blood provider for 29 hospitals in eastern PA and western NJ. The Blood Donation Ministry of our church partners with Miller-Keystone to sponsor 1 or 2 blood drives each year.

OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY	
Assisting in Worship Today	Cindy Bowman
Greeter Today	Noelle Steller
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Nancy Sampson and Sarah Sampson
Hosting Time for Fellowship	Fellowship Committee

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 5/28: Time for Fellowship after Worship Service
Deacons Chapel Service, 4:00 p.m., Lopatcong Care Center
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Monday, 5/29: Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
Wednesday, 5/31: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 6/2: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Panera
Sunday, 6/4: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m. (Last Day until September)
Worship Service with Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday, 5/29: Daniel DeHaas
Thursday, 6/1: Pastor Charles Jessen
Victoria Loyle
Friday, 6/2: Doris “Sis” Hagerty
Carole Jochen

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.

Summer Worship Schedule. Starting on Sunday, June 11, our Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Our Summer Schedule will run through Sunday, September 3. Next Sunday, June 4 will be our last day of Sunday School until September.

Announcements (continued)

With Sympathy. Joanne Gary, David's wife, passed away on Thursday, May 25, after a long battle with cancer. Her service will be held at 10:30 a.m. this Tuesday, May 30, at Green Pond United Methodist Church in Easton.

Please keep David, 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

Deacons' Offering. During the month of June, we will receive a special offering to support the work and ministry of our Deacons. Please use the envelope in your offering box, or write a check and note "Deacons" on the memo line.

For online giving, please go to the church website (www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Deacons.

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," the Adult Lunch Group, will meet on Thursday, June 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Marblehead Chowder House, 4101 William Penn Highway in Easton, PA.

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, June 5, 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

Trek Malawi. Pastor Stephen will be taking part in Trek Malawi, a 300-mile bicycle ride through Malawi from July 7-18. Malawi is located in southeastern Africa, and he will be traveling with Bruce Main, the President and Founder of UrbanPromise.

As part of the trip, money is being raised to help fund UrbanPromise children's programs for more than 3,000 children in Malawi. Every dollar donated will go directly toward this goal.

If you would like to support Pastor Stephen and help the children of Malawi, you can make a donation by writing a check to Stewartsville Presbyterian Church and note "Trek Malawi" on the memo line.

For online giving, please go to the church website (www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Special, and specify "Trek Malawi" in Notes.

Blood Drive. We had 26 registered donors for our Blood Drive on Sunday, May 21, and we were able to collect 24 pints of blood. Each donated pint can save up to 3 lives, so our blood drive will potentially save 72 lives!

On behalf of the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, thank you to everyone who took the time to register and donate.

Collection for Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

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

Memorial Day Parade and Service. Greenwich Township will hold their Memorial Day Parade and Service tomorrow, May 29. 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.

PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of May 25, 2023)

Gary Family	Fohr Family	Fran E.
Carhart Family	G.G. S.	Amanda & Family
Santo Family	Suh Family	Honey/Sinclair
Graham Family	Henry H.	Family
Ashley Z.	Griffin Family	Suzanne S.
Bryson M.	Young Family	Ryder H.
Rose K.	Nora W.	Romeo B.
Gary W.	Jane R.	Nicholas C.
Brenda & Baby	Eileen D.	Brandon L.
Sandy D.	Dody M.	Vanessa P.
Ron K.	Clemot/Clark	John W.
Rachel S.	Family	David & Carole J.
Nikki A.	Jeff S.'s Children	Ben W.
Tom M.	Sileo Family	Steven M.
Sam H.	Stone Family	Jeffrey G.
Howard B.	Rodney R.	Randy W.
Sally D.	Matthew G.	Ero C.
Buerkle/Strausser	Kurt & Robyn C.	Betty N.
Family	Frost Family	Kevin O.
Purcell Family	Wade S. & Family	Renée's Parents

Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace

This Week's Mission Partner: Miller-Keystone Blood Center

To submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at
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