

**August 6, 2023**  
**10:00 AM Service of Worship**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The Lord's Supper**

**Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Morton

Leader: In this place, in this time of worship,

**People: We feel the presence of God.**

Leader: In our words, in our song,

**People: We sing the beauty of God.**

Leader: In each person, in each soul,

**People: We see the face of God.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*HYMN #410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever-present God,**

**There is no place where you are not with us.**

**You see us at our worst and at our best.**

**There is much we would hide from you –**

**the ways we harm your creation,**

**the ways we mistreat others,**

**the ways we turn away when we should turn toward you.**

**Even as you know us, forgive us.**

**Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions,**

**that you may delight in us as we delight in you.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE #581

*Glory Be to the Father*

***Glory be to the Father,***

***and to the Son,***

***and to the Holy Ghost;***

***as it was in the beginning,***

***is now, and ever shall be,***

***world without end. Amen, amen.***

\*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

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

p. 1142

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

SECOND LESSON

Acts 3:1-8

p. 1079

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Reflections from Malawi"

Pastor Stephen Choi

**Responding to the Word**

\*DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 #526

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**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

**Nourishing God,**

**Thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing.**

**As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others, who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.**

**Bearing and Following the Word**

\*HYMN #722

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*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

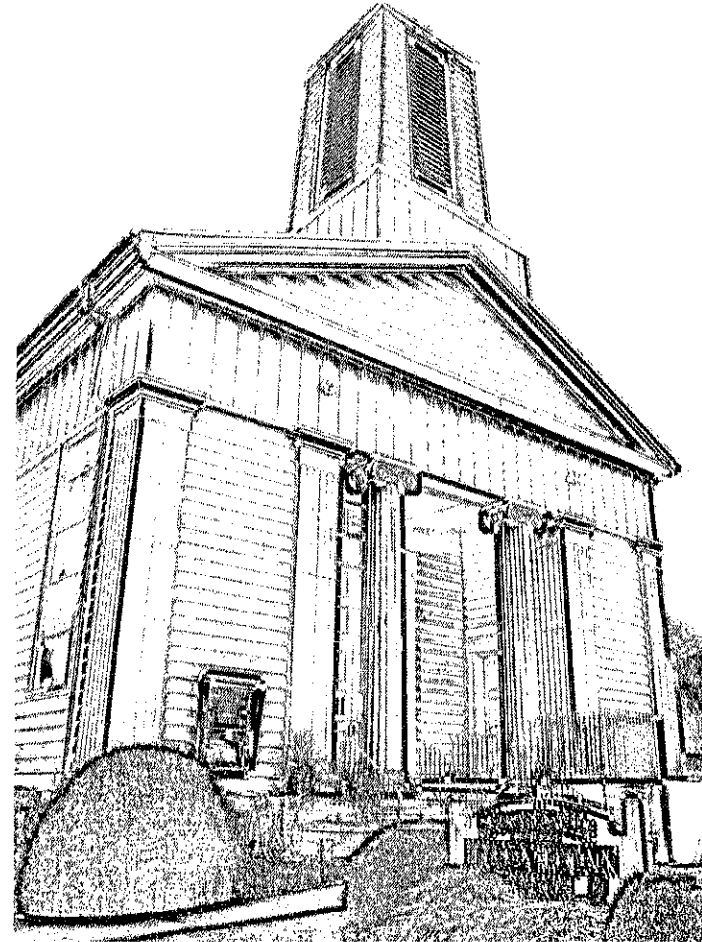
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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of Aug. 2, 2023)

Markle Family	Pomeroy Family	Suzanne S.'s
Johnny D.	Slack Family	Family
Mark Y.	Tony & Pat M.	Gary Family
Caitlin E.	Bob H.	Rachel S.
Ambani & Family	Peace M.'s Family	Jane R.
Katie D.	Gaertner Family	Rodney R.
Kwong Family	Ray & Jo G.	Ryder H.
Tony's Son	Barbara N.	Romeo B.
Abbott/Jochen	Rosie E.	Nicholas C.
Family	Jean S.	Vanessa P.
Kim S.	Pat B. &	John W.
Victor W.	Dorothy G.	David & Carole J.
Schriever Family	Steven H. &	Ben W.
Johnson Family	Deanna M.	Steven M.
Brian & Marlaina	Frank I.	Jeffrey G.
& Family	Lisa S.'s Family	Randy W.
Morton Family	Jerry G.'s Family	Ero C.
Dunleavy Family	Nuss Family	Betty N.
Mondzak Family	Dave W.	Kevin O.
Brett M.	Jay M.	Renée's Parents

## Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters Justice and Peace

**This Week's Mission Partner: Covenant Network of  
Presbyterians**

To submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at  
908-859-1399 or [office@stewartsvillepc.org](mailto:office@stewartsvillepc.org)

## OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Michael Morton
Greeters Today	Bill and Carol Nixon
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Jim and Janis Clark

## Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 8/6:** AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Monday, 8/7:** Church Parking Lot Closed through Friday, 8/11  
**Wednesday, 8/9:** AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Thursday, 8/10:** Adult Lunch Group, 11:30 a.m., Palace Restaurant  
**Saturday, 8/12:** Samplemakers, 10:00 a.m., Roan Hall  
**Sunday, 8/13:** Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.  
 Men of the Church Sing  
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

## This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Tuesday, 8/8:** Paul Williams  
**Thursday, 8/10:** Evan Fry  
**Saturday, 8/12:** Norman & Peggy Smith – 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.

**Church Parking Lot Closed.** The church parking lot will be closed for repaving from tomorrow, Aug. 7 to Friday, Aug. 11.

If you need to come to the church this week, you can park on the street, or in the Lutheran church's overflow lot on the same side of the street as our church.

**Deacons' Offering.** During the month of August, we are receiving 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](http://www.stewartsvillepc.org)), Give Now, Deacons.

### Announcements (continued)

**Adult Lunch Group.** "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet this Thursday, Aug. 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Palace Restaurant, 3250 Easton Ave., Bethlehem, PA.

We are encouraging participants to bring a can of soup or \$1 to the luncheons to donate to NORWESCAP Food Bank.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861 by tomorrow, Aug. 7 to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

**Summer Singing.** All men of the church are asked to join us during the 10:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, Aug. 13, for the annual singing of "How Great Thou Art." This has become a summer tradition, and we look forward to the men's enthusiastic participation. On Sunday, Aug. 27, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, all women of the church will be invited to come forward and join in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

No experience or rehearsal is necessary – please join us in lifting our voices to the Lord!

**Blood Drive.** We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, Sept. 17 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.

Anyone wishing to donate can call Cindy Bowman at 908-859-2823 or 908-619-8697 or email her at [cmbowman1023@gmail.com](mailto:cmbowman1023@gmail.com) to set up an appointment.

**Prospective New Members.** If you are interested in learning more about the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church or in becoming a member, please contact the church office.

We will receive new members in September.

**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 dish soap, tissues, laundry detergent, mustard, pasta salad mix, and peanut butter and jelly, as well as grocery bags.

**Summer Offering.** Please remember the church during the summer months.

If you are on vacation, please consider mailing your offering to the church office, or contributing online while you are away ([www.stewartsvillepc.org](http://www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now).

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

- "Our Daily Bread," June/July/August issue.
- "Today," July/August issue.
- "Our Daily Bread," large-print edition, July/August/Sept. issue.

**Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Covenant Network of Presbyterians.** The Covenant Network of Presbyterians is a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders that calls the church to bear a unified witness to generous hospitality and faithful justice. We seek an equity still not fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society by: Engaging the church to invite all of God's children into safe and welcoming congregational spaces; educating the church to expand our welcome of LGBTQIA+ people; and equipping the church to bear witness to justice through advocacy and activism.