

August 20, 2023
10:00 AM Service of Worship
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Catie Jewell

Leader: We come to celebrate.

People: We come to celebrate grace.

Leader: We come to celebrate love and forgiveness.

**People: We celebrate light over darkness,
hope over despair,
life over death
and grace over judgment.**

**All: We celebrate because we know
God loves us and cares for us.
Let us worship the Lord our God!**

*HYMN #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We acknowledge before one another and God
that we are not always the most loving people.
We acknowledge we can be selfish, judgmental,
angry, hurtful.
We admit we have issues wanting to control others and
wanting to fix things we see as wrong with them.
We admit we don't share like we want, or should.
For all of that, we ask forgiveness from each other
and from God.**

*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

Bob Hurte

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

p. 544

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

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

p. 733

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Come!!"

The Rev. Byron Leasure

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.**

*HYMN #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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

Fred Gary

*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 #187

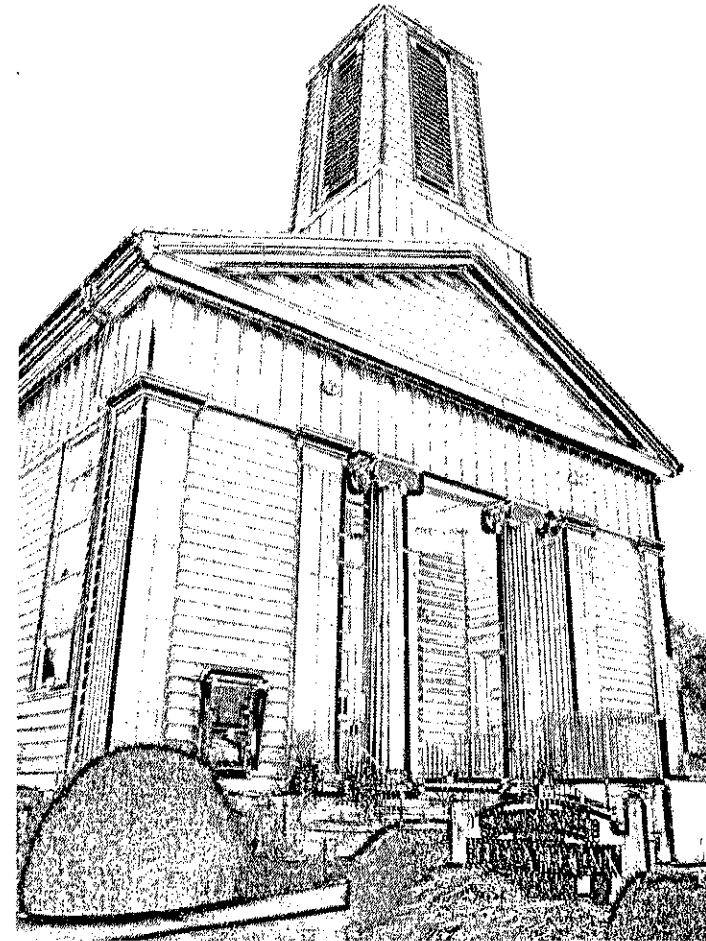
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

STEWARTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor
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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION (as of Aug. 18, 2023)

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

**Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace**

**This Week's Mission Partner: Family Promise of
Warren County**

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	Catie Jewell
Greeter Today	Bob Hurte
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Ella Choi and Henry Choi

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 8/20: Pastor Stephen on Vacation through Aug. 22

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Wednesday, 8/23: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Sunday, 8/27: Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Women of the Church Sing

Deacons Chapel Service, 2:00 p.m., Lopatcong Care Center

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday, 8/21: Dave Barretto

Don Miers

Gerry & Karen Crouse – Anniversary

Wednesday, 8/23: Brandon Loyle

Thursday, 8/24: Bella Colucci Keller

Bob Sampson

David & Carole Jochen – Anniversary

Paul & Linda Williams – Anniversary

Friday, 8/25: Rosie England

Samuel Hurte

Saturday, 8/26: James "Jimbo" Clark III

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.

Elder on Call. Pastor Stephen will be on vacation through Aug. 22. If you are in need of pastoral care while he is away, please contact the following Elder on Call:

Fred Gary at 908-454-6311

Women of the Church Sing. Next Sunday, Aug. 27, all women of the church will be invited to come forward and join in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Announcements (continued)

Guest Minister. Today we welcome the Rev. Byron Leasure to our pulpit. He is a retired PC(USA) pastor who lives in Riegelsville, PA. Pastor Leasure spent his career in transitional ministry, working specifically with churches in crisis. He has 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren living near him in Bucks County. Pastor Leasure loves the Delaware River Valley and its history, scenery, arts, and theater.

Friday Morning Devotional Group. The Friday Morning Devotional Group will resume meeting each Friday at 8:00 a.m. beginning on Friday, Sept. 8. The group meets in person in the library and on Zoom.

We will be reading "Reorganized Religion: The Reshaping of the American Church and Why it Matters" by Bob Smietana, for our upcoming study.

The group will meet for coffee and conversation at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, at Panera.

If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Stephen know as soon as possible.

Regular Worship Schedule. We will return to our regular worship service schedule on Sunday, Sept. 10, with worship service at 10:30 a.m., and Sunday School for children and youth at 9:20 a.m. We will also celebrate Holy Communion during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sept. 10.

The Adult Sunday School class will resume on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 9:20 a.m. We will begin a new study on 2 Corinthians.

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 to set up an appointment.

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), Give Now, Deacons.

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.

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

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

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Family Promise of Warren County. Family Promise is a community initiative that achieves sustainable independence for homeless and low-income families, and individuals by mobilizing community resources to provide shelter, meals, re-housing, training, and support services leading to permanent housing and lasting self-sufficiency.