

**September 3, 2023**  
**10:00 AM Service of Worship**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Denise DeMasi

Leader: We gather as the body of Christ.

**People: We are many individuals,  
but together we are one.**

Leader: Each of us has our own gifts,  
our own calling, our own role,

**People: But all of us proclaim  
Jesus Christ is the Messiah!**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

**\*HYMN #353**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,  
When faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming,  
we crumble.**

**We fear this world.**

**We fear losing our status, our stability, our station in life  
more than we fear you.**

**Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you,  
especially when we take a risk for what we know is right.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE #59**

*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;**

**God's mercies never come to an end.**

**They are new every morning, new every morning;**

**Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

**\*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

Exodus 1:11-14

p. 55

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

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 1:15-22

p. 55

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Fear God in Chaos"

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.**

**\*HYMN #307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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

Denise DeMasi

\*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 #379

*We Shall Overcome*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #740

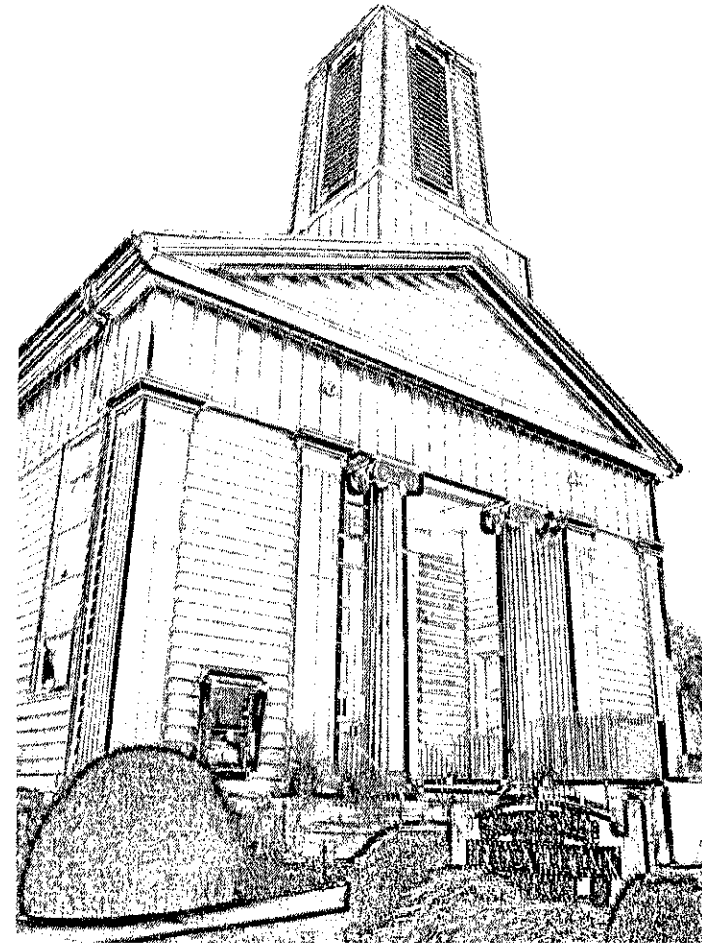
*Lead Me, Guide Me (Refrain)*

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if able

# STEWARTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## 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  
Denise DeMasi, Choir Director  
Laura Choi, Christian Education Director  
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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION (as of Aug. 30, 2023)

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

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

**This Week's Mission Partner: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

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

<b>Assisting in Worship Today</b>	Denise DeMasi
<b>Greeter Today</b>	Kathy Montgomery
<b>Broadcast Team</b>	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
<b>Nursery Today</b>	Ella Choi and Nancy Sampson

## Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 9/3:** AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Monday, 9/4:** Church Office Closed for Labor Day  
**Wednesday, 9/6:** Deacons Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library  
 AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Friday, 9/8:** Friday Morning Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library  
 Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library  
**Saturday, 9/9:** Samplemakers, 10:00 a.m., Roan Hall  
**Sunday, 9/10:** Return to Regular Worship Schedule  
 Sunday School Rally Day, 9:20 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., with Holy Communion  
 Lunch and Cotton Candy after Worship Service  
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Today, 9/3:** Tayliss Choi  
 Dale & Lynn Alpaugh – Anniversary  
**Thursday, 9/7:** Jim & Janis Clark – Anniversary  
**Friday, 9/8:** Sarah Sampson

## 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.

**Regular Worship Schedule.** We will return to our regular worship service schedule next Sunday, Sept. 10, with worship service at 10:30 a.m., and Sunday School for children and youth at 9:20 a.m. Sunday School will meet in the Pre-K/K classroom.

We will also celebrate Holy Communion during the service on Sept. 10, with lunch and cotton candy afterward.

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.

### Announcements (continued)

**Church Office Closed.** The church office will be closed tomorrow, Sept. 4, for Labor Day.

Regular office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Friday Morning Devotional Group.** The Friday Morning Devotional Group resumes meeting each Friday at 8:00 a.m. beginning this 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.

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

**Needlecraft Group.** The Needlecraft Group will resume meeting this Friday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 in the Library. The group meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

This is an opportunity to gather together and work on your own projects, while having lively conversations!

For more information, call Sue Gruver at 573-999-7014.

**Adult Lunch Group.** "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sports Scene Restaurant at Oakwood Lanes, 234 Route 31, Washington.

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 Monday, Sept. 11 to make your reservation.

Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

**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 still have 4 appointments available. 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.

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

We will receive new members on Sunday, Sept. 24.

**Choir Voices Needed.** Our choir will start up again next Sunday, Sept. 10. Rehearsals are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. by the piano in the sanctuary.

New voices are welcome!

For more information, please see Denise DeMasi.

**Women's Circle.** The Women's Circle will meet on Friday, Sept. 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the Palace Restaurant, 3250 Easton Ave., Bethlehem, 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.

**Treasurer Position.** After more than 30 years serving our church as Treasurer, Mary Lou Gary will be retiring in early 2024.

We will be hiring a new Treasurer. This is a part-time position and requires time working in the church office during office hours.

For more information, please speak with Pastor Stephen.

**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 soup, peanut butter & jelly, pasta sauce and pasta, and canned fruit, 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: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. PDA's program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.