

**September 17, 2023**  
**10:30 AM Service of Worship**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jim Sikra

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jon Cantagallo-Rohm

Leader: No one is an island.  
We are all joined in Christ Jesus.

**People: Who else is like you, loving God?**  
**Who is like you: beautiful in holiness,**  
**awesome in all the things you do for us.**

Leader: No one lives by themselves, no one dies by themselves.  
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

**People: The Lord is my strength and my song,**  
**and he has become my salvation.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*HYMN #317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,**  
**We confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart**  
**and soul and mind and strength.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,**  
**help us amend what we are,**  
**and direct what we shall be,**  
**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your holy name.**

\*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

Bob Hurte

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 103:1-12

p. 595

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

ANTHEM

*Prayer*

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

p. 1124

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"We Don't Live to Ourselves"

The Rev. Salvatore Seirmarco

**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 #300

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

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

Jim Sikra

\*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 #649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\*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**

**The Ministers: All the Members**

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

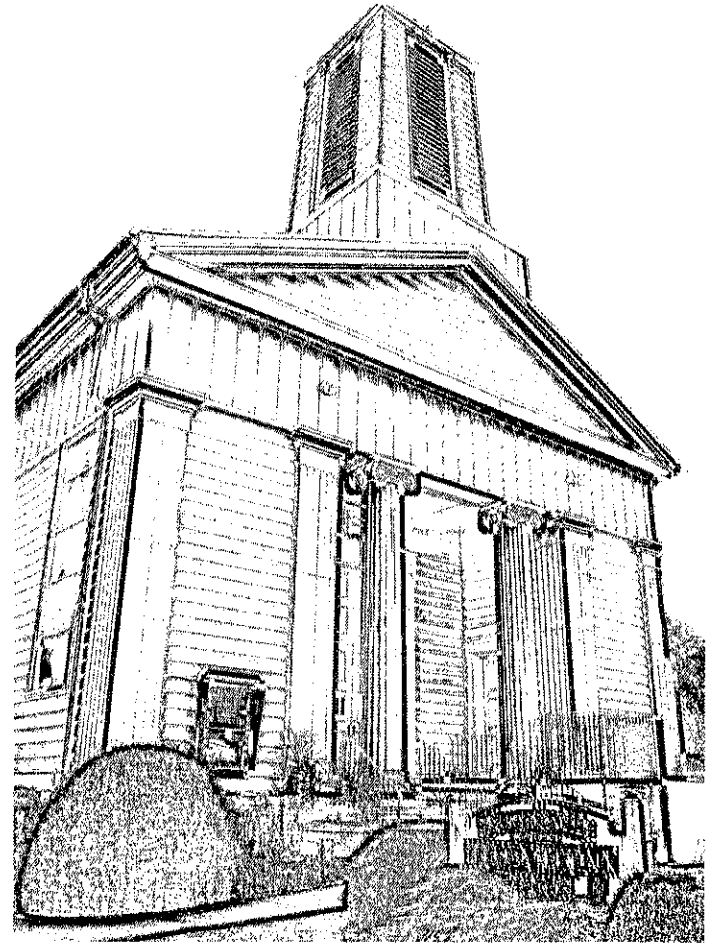
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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of Sept. 14, 2023)

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Roseann R.	Grace Pres.	Schriever Family
Alice C.	Church	Johnson Family
Joe B.	Garrett J.'s Family	Rachel S.
Wayne H.	Frey Family	Jane R.
Counterman Family	Brandy A.	Rodney R.
Joann L.	Greg R.	Ryder H.
Sis N.	Hausold Family	Romeo B.
Jackie L.	Rea, Sampson & Clark Families	Nicholas C.
Marjorie H.	Deb J.	Vanessa P.
Yenser Family	Markle Family	John W.
Braylon R.	Johnny D.	David & Carole J.
Gabby P. & Derek B.	Caitlin E.	Ben W.
Jen C. & Family	Ambani & Family	Steven M.
Jay & Eileen M.	Kwong Family	Jeffrey G.
Smith Family	Tony's Son	Randy W.
Bryson M.	Abbott/Jochen Family	Ero C.
Morton Family	Kim S.	Betty N.
		Kevin O.
		Renée's Parents

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

**This Week's Mission Partner: Community FoodBank of NJ**

To submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at  
908-859-1399 or office@stewartsvillepc.org

## OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

<b>Assisting in Worship Today</b>	Jon Cantagallo-Rohm
<b>Greeter Today</b>	Sue Gruver
<b>Broadcast Team</b>	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
<b>Nursery Today</b>	Janis Clark and Sarah Sampson

### Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 9/17:** Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

**Wednesday, 9/20:** AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Friday, 9/22:** Friday Morning Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library

Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

Women's Circle, 6:00 p.m., Palace Restaurant

**Sunday, 9/24:** Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., with Reception of New Members

Time for Fellowship after Worship Service

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

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

### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Today, 9/17:** Lindsey Culcasi

**Tuesday, 9/19:** Jim & Cindy Bowman – Anniversary

**Thursday, 9/21:** Jean Bradbury

**Friday, 9/22:** Tim & Melanie Loyle – Anniversary

**Saturday, 9/23:** Diane Olsen

### 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.

**Aluminum Can Tab Collection.** We will be collecting aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia.

Ronald McDonald House receives about 75 cents per pound for the tabs. In the past 25 years, they have collected more than 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000!

There will be a container in the back of the sanctuary where you can put the tabs.

## **Announcements (continued)**

**Guest Minister.** Today we welcome the Rev. Salvatore "Sal" Seirmarco to our pulpit. He received his BA in History from William Paterson University and his Master of Divinity from The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa. After finishing seminary, Sal completed 4 master's level units of Clinical Pastoral Education at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. He serves as a hospice chaplain with Atlantic Visiting Nurse and Greystone Hospital. When Sal is not working he enjoys training in martial arts, holding a black belt in Korean Karate. He also enjoys reading American history, church history, and hiking the woods in and around his childhood home of northern New Jersey with his wife Alison, and their sons Calvin and Alex.

**Friday Morning Devotional Group.** The Friday Morning Devotional Group meets on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. in the library and on Zoom. We are 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.

**Women's Circle.** The Women's Circle will meet this 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.

**Installation Service.** The Rev. Kathi Heath, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomsbury, will be installed as pastor of the Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church next Sunday, Sept. 24, at 4:00 p.m. The church is located at 286 Main St., Chatham, NJ. There will be a reception after the installation service. Please let Pastor Stephen know if you would like to attend.

**Choir Voices Needed.** Our choir rehearses each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. by the piano in the sanctuary.

New voices are welcome!

For more information, please see Denise DeMasi.

**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," Sept./Oct./Nov. issue.
- "Today," Sept./Oct. issue.
- "Our Daily Bread," large-print edition, Oct./Nov./Dec. issue.

**Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Community FoodBank of NJ.** The Community FoodBank of NJ fights hunger and poverty in New Jersey by assisting those in need and seeking long-term solutions. They package food orders for local soup kitchens and food pantries; purchase and collect food for distribution; help people in need through SNAP application assistance; reach communities with limited resources with mobile pantries; and encourage others to get involved. They distribute enough food for more than 90 million meals annually.