

**November 5, 2023**  
**10:30 AM Service of Worship**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The Lord's Supper**

**Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Melchore

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: What does the Holy One require of us?

**People: To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*HYMN #33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Love,**

**Your commandments are so simple:**

**love God, love neighbor, love self.**

**Yet we cannot always muster that love.**

**Love for you seems too abstract and distant.**

**Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining.**

**Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant.**

**But you are truly the God of love;**

**if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you.**

**Shower us with your love,**

**for in you, we have the greatest example,**

**and help us to learn from you.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE #551 (Insert)

*Lord, Have Mercy*

\*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

Matthew 5:1-12

p. 958

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

ANTHEM

*Glory to God Almighty*

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

p. 958

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Blessed"

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 Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

**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

**Eternal God,**

**You have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Bearing and Following the Word**

\*HYMN #314

*Christ, Be Our Light*

\*CHARGE AND BENECTION

RESPONSE #742

*We Will Walk with God*

***We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.***

***We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.***

***We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.***

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\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if able

**Stewartsville Presbyterian Church**

**The Ministers: All the Members**

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

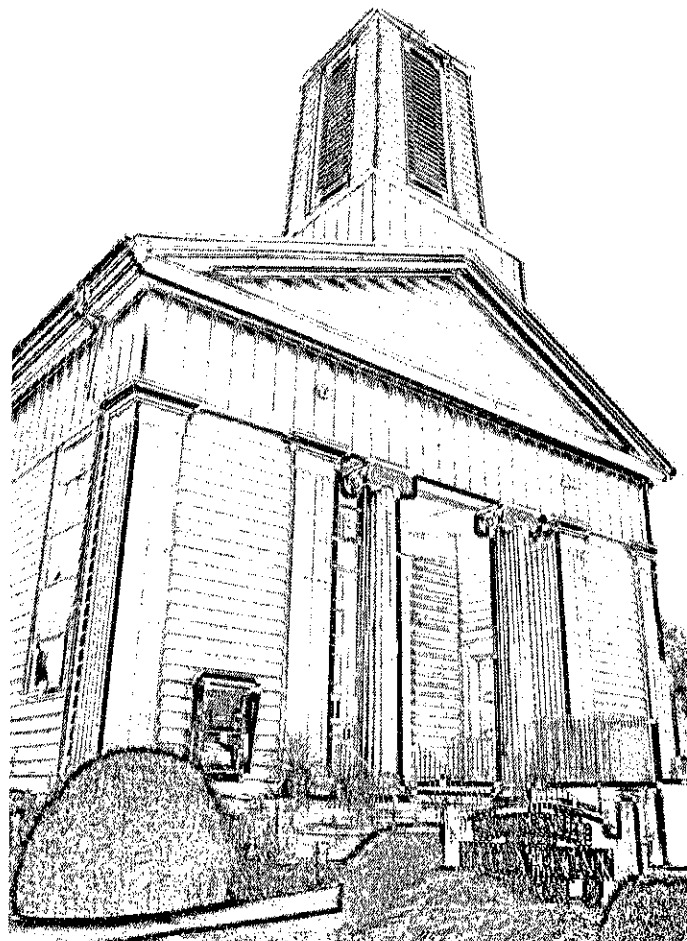
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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of Nov. 1, 2023)

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Diana H.	Sis H.	Greg R.
Ron W.	Hurte Family	Ryder H.
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Barb N.	Kirk J.	John W.
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Jen B.	Lincoln M.	Randy W.
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Abby B.	Jean C. & Family	Betty N.
Pastor Bill S.	Jason W.	Kevin O.
		Renée's Parents

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

**This Week's Mission Partner: Synod of the Northeast**

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>	Judy Melchore
<b>Greeter Today</b>	Beverly Ferguson
<b>Broadcast Team</b>	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
<b>Nursery Today</b>	Nancy Sampson and Sarah Sampson

### Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 11/5:** AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Wednesday, 11/8:** AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Thursday, 11/9:** Pastor Stephen Away through Sunday, 11/12  
 Adult Lunch Group, 11:30 a.m., Williams Family Restaurant  
 Grange, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Friday, 11/10:** Church Office Closed  
 Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library  
**Saturday, 11/11:** Samplemakers, 10:00 a.m., Roan Hall  
**Sunday, 11/12:** Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

### This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Monday, 11/6:** Wayne Hart  
**Tuesday, 11/7:** Connie Collins  
**Wednesday, 11/8:** Janis Clark  
 Ellisyn "Ellie" Jewell  
**Thursday, 11/9:** Ella Choi  
**Friday, 11/10:** Anthony & Jessica Sbriscia – 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.

**Elder on Call.** Pastor Stephen will be attending the Presbyterian Church Moderators' Conference from Thursday, Nov. 9 through Sunday, Nov. 12. If you are in need of pastoral care while he is away, please contact the Elder on Call:

Judy Melchore at 908-479-4052

**Guest Organist.** Many thanks to Deborah Clewell for filling in as our organist today. Debbi is a registered nurse and was the organist at Fairmount Presbyterian Church from 1979-2007.

## Announcements (continued)

**Stewardship Sunday.** Stewardship Sunday is Sunday, Nov. 19. The Stewardship packets (Stewardship letter, Pledge card, and Time & Talent sheets) were mailed this past week.

If you will not be in church on Sunday, Nov. 19, you may place your Pledge card and Time & Talent sheet in the offering plate on another Sunday, or mail them to the church office by the end of the month.

Following the worship service, we will have a Potluck Lunch in Roan Hall. Please see the insert in today's bulletin to sign up.

**The Giving Tree.** The Giving Tree tags are set up on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

There are tags on the tree indicating information about a child in need (age, size, and interests) from the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (formerly DYFS).

By choosing a tag, you will have the opportunity to purchase a gift or two to help make that child's Christmas a little brighter!

The deadline for returning unwrapped gifts and gift cards is Sunday, Dec. 3.

**Adult Lunch Group.** "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet this Thursday, Nov. 9, at 11:30 a.m. at Williams Family Restaurant, 3630 William Penn Highway, Easton, 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, Nov. 6 to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

**Women's Circle.** The Women's Circle will meet on Friday, Nov. 17, at 6:00 p.m. at Warrenside Tavern, 511 Route 173, Stewartsville.

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.

**Deacons' Offering.** During the month of November, 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.

**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 cereal, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, and tuna fish, as well as grocery bags.

**Aluminum Can Tabs and Bottle Caps.** We will continue to collect aluminum can tabs and bottle caps. There are containers on the table in the back of the sanctuary where you may put them.

**Texts and Emails from Pastor Stephen.** If you receive texts or emails from Pastor Stephen asking for money, these are scams. Please do not reply to them, and let Pastor Stephen know.

**Baby Shower Postponed.** Gabby Poremba's baby shower, scheduled for today, has been postponed.

The baby shower will be rescheduled at a later date.

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

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

**Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Synod of the Northeast.**

The Synod of the Northeast consists of eight states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont) and has 19 presbyteries and over 1,130 Gospel communities. The mission of the Synod is to provide unencumbered spaces for the Holy Spirit to move among us, breathing new life into us, and strengthening us to work for the realm and reign of God. For more information about the work and ministry of our Synod, go to [synodne.org](http://synodne.org)