

November 12, 2023
10:30 AM Service of Worship
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Morton

Leader: We gather to worship, to fellowship,
and to learn to be in community like our Triune God.
When we seek justice for the other,
when we love kindness more than ever,

People: We live as God asks us to live.

Leader: When we walk humbly through life,
when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

People: We are the blessing God hopes we will be.

Leader: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,
when we choose weakness rather than power,

People: We reflect the One who is in our midst.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer.

There is pain and there is sorrow,
there are broken relationships and broken hearts.

Sometimes we are the cause of those things; we have
caused the pain, we have broken the relationship.

Sometimes we are simply a part of them;
we are the ones who suffer and are broken.

So we ask for your forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation.
Mend our broken hearts as we seek to repair
those we have broken.

Beyond that, we ask that you would help us turn
from our former selves into the persons
you have created us to be, full of mercy and grace and love.
Through Christ, who is our example, we pray.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #551

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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

Mary Lou Gary

ANTHEM

Hear Us, O Father

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Loving *HESED*"

Laura Zhang 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 #70

What Does the Lord Require of You?

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

Bearing and Following the Word

*HYMN #749

We Are Called

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

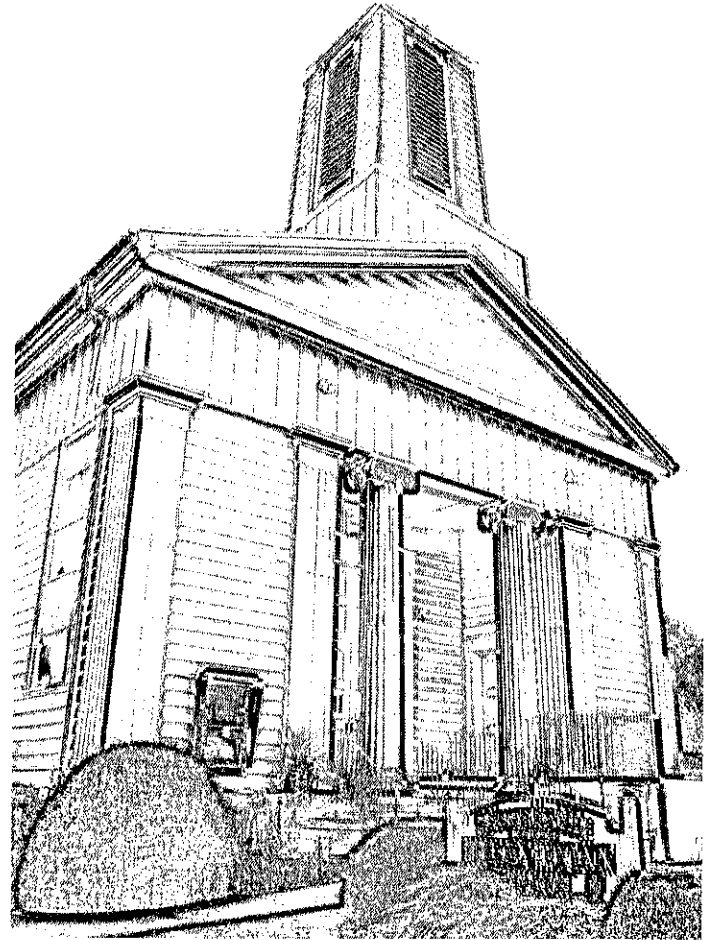
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Laura Choi, Christian Education Director

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Nikolas J.	Wyatt E.	Jackie L.
Ryan B.	Jen B.	Deb J.
Jonathan D.	Melissa U.	Rachel S.
Yvonne H.	Abby B.	Jane R.
Debbie S.	Pastor Bill S.	Greg R.
Sister Michaelita	Colton M.	Ryder H.
Deanna M. & Family	Pam A.	Nicholas C.
Walker Family	Jean S.	Vanessa P.
Denise D.	George D. & Family	John W.
Antoinette G.	Neal T.	Ben W.
Diana H.	Romeo B.	Steven M.
Ron W.	Sis H.	Jeffrey G.
Don F.	Hurte Family	Randy W.
Lynn M.	Anthony D.	Ero C.
Barb N.	Kurt S.	Betty N.
	Kirk J.	Kevin O.
		Renée's Parents

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

This Week's Mission Partner: Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center

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	Michael Morton
Greeter Today	Morgan Banghart
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Ella Choi and Janis Clark

Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Today, 11/12: AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Wednesday, 11/15: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 11/17: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library
 Fiber Arts, 9:30 a.m., Roan Hall
 Women's Circle, 6:00 p.m., Warrenside Tavern
Sunday, 11/19: Stewardship Sunday
 Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
 Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
 Pot Luck Luncheon after Worship Service, Roan Hall
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today, 11/12: Richard Duckworth
 Barbara Lovelace
 Nancy Sampson
 Wayne & Joan Hart – Anniversary
Monday, 11/13: Denise DeMasi
Wednesday, 11/15: Tegan Hurte
Saturday, 11/18: Allison de Haas

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.

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

Announcements (continued)

Guest Preacher. Today we welcome **Laura Zhang Choi** (she/her) to our pulpit. Laura is married to Pastor Stephen and mother to Tay, Ella, and Henry. She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary in Christian Education. Laura is completing her M.Div studies at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and is under care for ordination in the PC(USA). She is passionate about building community wherever she goes and about the work at the intersections of faith, justice, and educational equity. Laura is a Greenwich Township School Board member, steering committee member of API Rainbow Parents of PFLAG NYC/NJ, active member of The E Pluribus Unum Project, and works to expand safe and inclusive spaces for all God's children. She lives for rich conversations, good coffee, books, and walks in the woods.

Stewardship Sunday. Stewardship Sunday is next Sunday, Nov. 19. Please bring in your Pledge cards and Time & Talent sheets so they can be received during the worship service.

Additional Pledge cards and Time & Talent sheets are available in the back of the sanctuary.

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 Pot Luck Lunch in Roan Hall. Please see the insert in today's bulletin to sign up.

The Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is 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.

Hanging of the Greens. Help is needed for the annual "Hanging of the Greens" on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9:00 a.m. We will be decorating the sanctuary, and putting up the Christmas tree.

The Fellowship Committee will provide beverages and bagels.

For more information, contact Ed Ham at ehamjr99@gmail.com

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 Give Now, Deacons.

Poinsettias. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for information on ordering Poinsettias for our Christmas Eve worship service.

Poinsettias are \$5 each and dedications can be made in memory or in honor of a loved one. The deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 3.

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.

Office Manager Away. Renée Herb, our office manager, will be away from Monday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 17. She will be in Arizona with her mother, who is in hospice care.

Pastor Stephen will be checking the office emails and voicemails.

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.

Devotionals. The November daily devotionals are available in the back of the sanctuary, or by calling the church office.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. In 1959, Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center was established to provide experiential Christian education in support of the Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. Today, Camp Johnsonburg continues to provide a place set apart where all people can experience God's love within a welcoming Christian community. Stewartsville Presbyterian Church has been supporting Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center since it was first established.