

**February 11, 2024**  
**10:30 AM Service of Worship**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Gary

Leader: We gather together to worship God.  
We gather because we have heard God's voice  
in mighty thunder,

**People: And in sighs too deep for words.**

Leader: God called Jesus "Beloved" on a mountaintop,

**People: And God has called our names too.**

Leader: We have seen. We have heard.

**People: God is here. Let us worship God together!**

\*HYMN #409

*God Is Here!*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,  
We have tried to hide from you –  
to hide our faces, to hide our sin –  
yet you have never hidden your love for us.  
We have tried to search for you –  
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops –  
yet you have already revealed yourself to us  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine  
with your glory, beauty, and grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE #555

*O Lamb of God*

***O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.***

\*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

Noelle Steller

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

p. 89

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

ANTHEM

*Love Grows Here*

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

p. 1026

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Need to Get Away"

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 #288

*Spirit of the Living God*  
(Sing Twice)

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 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 #192 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE *Jesus, Be With Us*  
*Jesus, be with us. Help us each day  
to follow the gospel and live as we pray.  
Send us your Spirit and show us your way.  
Jesus, be with us today.*

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if able

**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

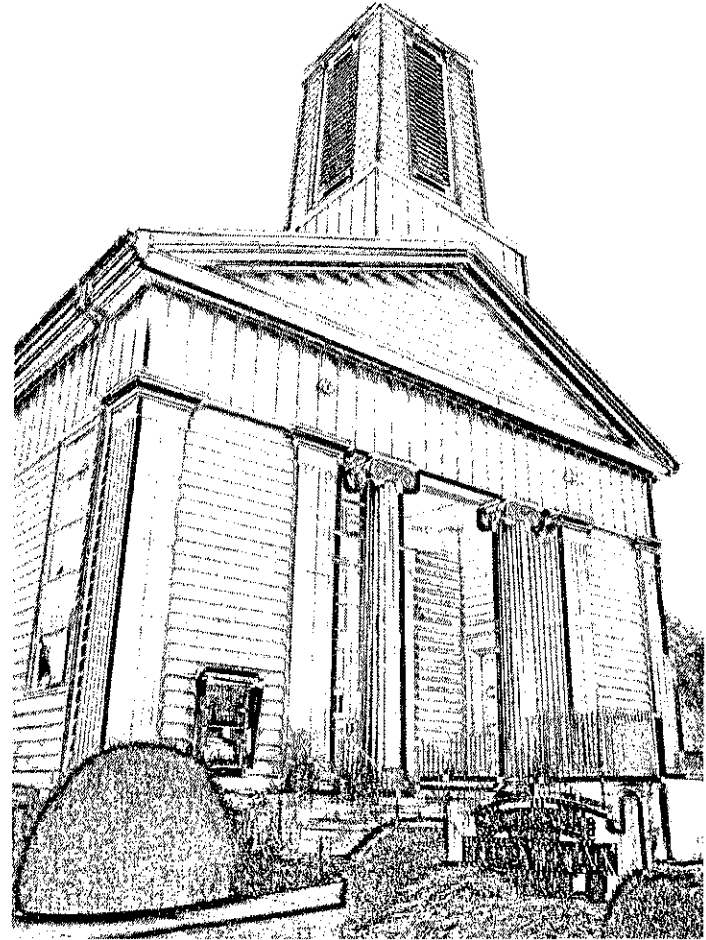
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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of Feb. 9, 2024)

Carole & David J.	Dan W.	Firefighters
June G.	Ryan B.	Rodney R.
Smith Family,	Jackie F.	Antoinette G.
Felicity &	Denice M.	Yvonne H.
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Lisa H.	Merilyn R.	Colton M.
John L. Jr.	Tim S.	Frank I.
Shaefer/Griffin	Hendricks Family	Jackie L.
Family	Savannah B.	Rachel S.
Rivera Family	Heather S.	Jane R.
Spencer Family	Huff Family	Greg R.
Laura C.	George M.	Ryder H.
Braido Family	Angelina W.	Nicholas C.
Doreen K.	Cheryl S.	Steven M.
Sister Michaelita	Mimi E.	Jeffrey G.
Ruthie M.	Gary G.	Ero C.
Tori H.	John S.	Betty N.
Hawk Family	Vicki N.	Kevin O.
Sis N.	Nan F.	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](mailto:office@stewartsvillepc.org)

## OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

<b>Assisting in Worship Today</b>	David Gary
<b>Greeter Today</b>	Sue Gruver
<b>Broadcast Team</b>	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
<b>Nursery Today</b>	Carol Nixon and Sarah Sampson
<b>Hosting Time for Fellowship</b>	Carol Nixon

### Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 2/11:** Time for Fellowship after Worship Service, Roan Hall  
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Wednesday, 2/14:** Ash Wednesday  
"Drive Thru" Ashes: 10:00 a.m.-Noon and 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., with  
Holy Communion by Intinction and Imposition of Ashes

**Thursday, 2/15:** Adult Lunch Group, 11:30 a.m., Palace Restaurant

**Friday, 2/16:** Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library  
Fiber Arts, 9:30 a.m., Roan Hall

**Sunday, 2/18:** Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.  
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  
Time for Fellowship after Worship Service  
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Tuesday, 2/13:** Morgan Banghart  
Jake Muentener  
Alan & MaryLou Deak – 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.

**Souper Bowl of Caring.** Today, we are receiving the Souper Bowl of Caring offering. Monetary donations will go to the NORWESCAP Food Bank, and donations of canned soup will go to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Phillipsburg.

If you would like to donate online, please go to the church website ([stewartsvillepc.org](http://stewartsvillepc.org)), Give Now, Special, and specify "Souper Bowl" in Notes.

## **Announcements (continued)**

**Time for Fellowship.** Please join us for Time for Fellowship after our worship service today in Roan Hall. This is an informal time where we can share refreshments and conversations with one another.

**Ash Wednesday.** Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, Feb. 14. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion by Intinction. The service will be available via Zoom.

We will also be offering “Drive Thru” Imposition of Ashes from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, and from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Drive up to the blue office door on the side of the Christian Education Building, ring the doorbell, and Pastor Stephen will administer ashes.

**Adult Lunch Group.** “Grazing with Grace,” our Adult Lunch Group will meet this Thursday, Feb. 15, at 11:30 a.m. at the Palace Restaurant, 3250 Easton Ave., Bethlehem, PA.

The lunch group will celebrate Bessie Sinclair’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We encourage 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, Feb. 12 to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

**Birthday Celebration.** Our congregation will celebrate Bessie Sinclair’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday during a special Time for Fellowship after the worship service next Sunday, Feb. 18.

Please join us for this joyous occasion!

**Women’s Circle.** The Women’s Circle will meet on Friday, Feb. 23, at 6:00 p.m. at Annabel’s Italian Restaurant, 224 Stockton St., Phillipsburg.

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.

**Blood Drive.** We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, March 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We need to have 25 people registered to donate.

Anyone wishing to donate can call Cindy Bowman at 908-859-2823 or 908-619-8697 or email her at [cmbowman1023@gmail.com](mailto:cmbowman1023@gmail.com) to set up an appointment.

**Women’s Spring Retreat.** The Women’s Spring Retreat will be held from Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28 at Johnsonville Camp & Retreat Center. You may also attend the Saturday session only.

Registration is now open and is predicted to fill up quickly.

Scholarships are available through our church.

If you are interested in attending, please speak with Linda Williams. For information on scholarships, 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 canned soup, jelly, Hamburger Helper, canned fruit, and canned chili and beef stew, as well as grocery bags.

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

- “Our Daily Bread,” Dec./Jan./Feb. issue.
- “Today,” Jan./Feb. issue.
- “Our Daily Bread,” large-print edition, Jan./Feb./March 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. Last year, they distributed food for over 90 million meals (more than 108 million pounds).