

April 28, 2024
10:30 AM Service of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jon Cantagallo-Rohm

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God.

**People: Everyone who loves is born of God
and knows God!**

Leader: Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.

**People: In this is love, not that we loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son
to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.

All: It is in loving that we worship God!

*HYMN #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear God of compassion,
We insist on the right to despise
our sisters and brothers;
though you have loved us perfectly,
we are afraid to give ourselves and that love to others.
We resist evil with silence, and it flourishes.
Forgive us of our sins of omission
and abide in us so we may live boldly,
love fearlessly,
and proclaim unceasingly
that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.**

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #591 (Refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*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

Rosie England

FIRST LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

p. 1209

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

ANTHEM

Glory to God Almighty

Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 15:1-8

p. 1068-1069

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"This Is Love"

Rev. William "Tex" Culton

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 #693

Though I May Speak

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 #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE #543

O Christ, Surround Me (Verse 5)

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

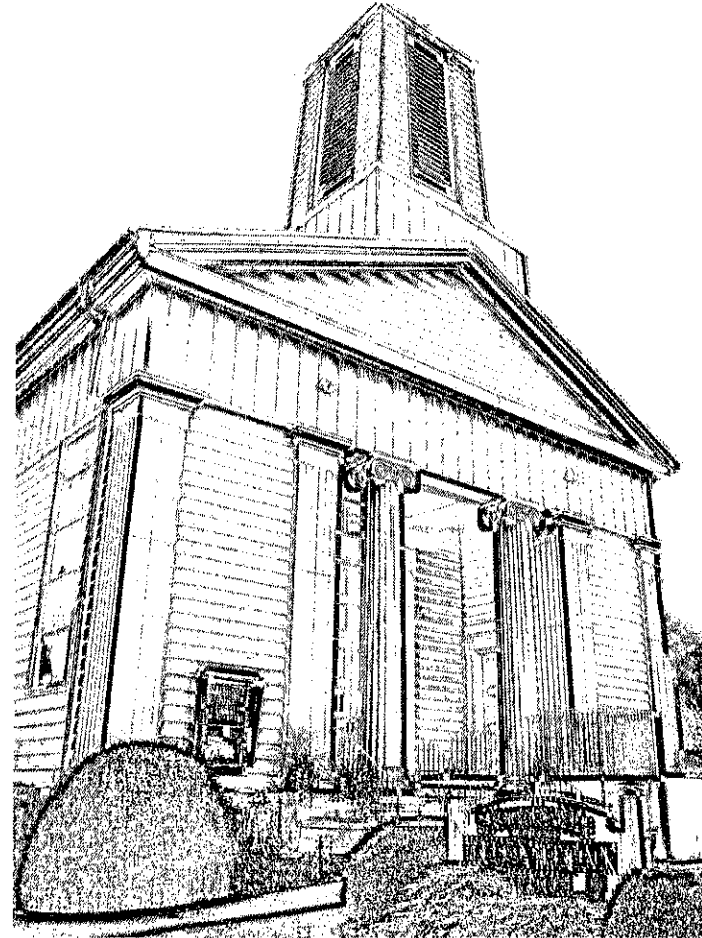
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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION (as of April 24, 2024)

Elsie F.	Charlie H.	June G.
Heather G.	Sandy S.'s Family	Lisa C.-H.
Baby Noah	Pamela &	Jackie F.
Dody M. & Family	Gregory H.	Denice M.
Dugey Family	Pastor Stephen's	Antoinette G.
Eric T. & Family	Family	Yvonne H.
Ryan J. & Family	Bob J.	Colton M.
Slack Family	Burdette Family	Frank I.
Bud E.	Norman S.	Jackie L.
Albert B.	Noah C.	Rachel S.
Mary Ann D.	Lori B.	Jane R.
Jon O. & Family	Elaine E.'s Family	Greg R.
Scott & Merissa B.	Cosover Family	Nicholas C.
Hurte Family	Lilly B.	Steven M.
Cherease L.	Fishbourne &	Jeffrey G.
Deanna M. &	Culcasi Families	Betty N.
Family	Gallic Family	Kevin O.
Terry & John L.	Peter S.	Renée's Parents

Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace

This Week's Mission Partner: The Presbyterian Depot

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	Jon Cantagallo-Rohm
Greeter Today	Morgan Banghart
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Janis Clark and Sarah Sampson
Hosting Time for Fellowship	Roseann Rohm

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 4/28: Time for Fellowship after Worship Service
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Monday, 4/29: Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
Wednesday, 5/1: Deacons Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 5/3: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library
Saturday, 5/4: Grange, 8:00 a.m., Roan Hall
Sunday, 5/5: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., with Holy Communion
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday, 4/29: Monet Gonda
Jeffrey Guidi
Tuesday, 4/30: Scott Goff
Thursday, 5/2: Sean Marek
Friday, 5/3: Joyce Shauger

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.

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.

SPC 175th Anniversary. 2025 will mark the 175th anniversary of the Stewartville Presbyterian Church! We are forming a 175th Anniversary Committee to plan activities, celebrations, etc. Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Announcements (continued)

Guest Minister. Today we welcome the **Rev. William “Tex” Culton** to our pulpit. He is a graduate of Tusculum College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He served at Frenchtown for 40 years and after retiring from there, continued serving as interim pastor and stated supply in Basking Ridge, Clinton, Madison, Tannersville Lutheran, and Alpha. Pastor Culton is retired with his wife, Kendel. He is the father of Arron and Leah (both married with children – 4 grandchildren!). He has had 1 Irish Setter, 4 golden retrievers, 1 Great Pyrenees and 2 cats to accompany him in ministry. Pastor Culton feels blessed by the relationships he developed through the many years of his calling and cursed by a brain that remembers bad jokes and forgets names and the words of theologians he studied! He thinks that “Life is Good” in spite of its losses (family and friends) and looks forward to exploring “new” ways to express himself and express his gratitude to all the saints who blessed his joyful life.

Adult Lunch Group. “Grazing with Grace,” our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Olive Garden, 50 Kunkle Dr., Easton, PA.

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, May 6 to make your reservation.

Women’s Circle. The Women’s Circle will meet on Friday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. at Acasia Thai, 755 Memorial Parkway, 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.

Summer Mission Trip. We are planning a mission trip to the Dominican Republic from Friday, July 12 to Saturday, July 20. We will be working again with Foundation for Peace to help build a church.

If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Stephen as soon as possible. A \$50 deposit is needed to reserve your spot.

Play Ball! Come join us for an IronPigs baseball game outing on **Friday, June 7** at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 IronPigs Way, Allentown, PA. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 5:45 p.m.

The deadline to order tickets is next Sunday, May 5.

Tickets cost \$10 per person with a \$2 credit embedded in that ticket to go toward food or merchandise purchases. You can pay for your tickets with cash or a check, made out to Stewartsville Presbyterian Church.

Coca-Cola Park is cashless. Parking is \$5 per car.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please see Bill Nixon, call or text him at 908-319-2800, or email him at bnixon708@gmail.com

Attention Proud Parents and Guardians! We would like to include information about our high school, college, graduate school, and trade school graduates in the June Newsletter.

Please e-mail the following information to the church office by Friday, May 17: Student’s name, the school from which they are graduating, the date of graduation, the type of degree or certificate they earned, and what their future plans may be (college/trade school/work).

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 laundry detergent (pods are preferable), condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.), pasta, and pancake syrup, as well as grocery bags.

Devotionals. The following daily devotionals are available on the table in the sanctuary, or by calling the church office:

- “Our Daily Bread,” March/April/May issue.
- “Today,” May/June issue.
- “Our Daily Bread,” large-print edition, April/May/June issue.

Pray for This Week’s Mission Partner: The Presbyterian Depot. The Presbyterian Depot is a collaborative mission partnership of Old Greenwich, Pilgrim, Alpha, and Stewartsville Presbyterian Church. Our mission is to provide new kitchen items to individuals and families who are transitioning to a new place to live; many have virtually nothing to start with. The area organizations we have worked with include Family Promise, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center, and Firth Youth Center.