

**May 19, 2024**  
**10:30 AM Service of Worship**  
**Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Diacopoulos

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**People: Come and move in and through us.**

Leader: Whispers of hope around the corners of despair;  
shouts of joy at a graduation;

**People: You are around us in every place.**

Leader: The sweet breath of a baby,  
the remembrances of the elderly;

**People: You speak to us through every person.**

Leader: Soft breezes on a summer's day,  
bitter winds through frozen trees;

**People: You are with us in every season.**

Leader: The gentle lullabies of a parent;  
the birds twittering us awake;

**People: You sing glad songs to us.**

Leader: The sudden rush of newness throwing open  
our sheltered fears; the gale of justice breaking down  
the walls of oppression:

**People: You sweep us up in your commitment  
to transform all lives, all places.**

Leader: In every breath, in every song,  
in every moment, in every tongue:

**All: Come – Dance – Enflame – Engulf  
Transform us!**

\*HYMN #69

*Here I Am, Lord!*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,**

**Your Spirit moves our waters, but we prefer to splash in the  
puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in  
every moment, but we hold our breath until we turn blue,  
wanting to get our way.**

**You would give us words to bring hope to the despairing, to  
offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places  
of anger and violence, but we turn them into accusations  
toward those around us.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, God of Grace.**

**May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to  
dance in joy with us. May your Spirit be the still small voice  
which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us.**

**May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of  
Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Friend, our Companion.**

\*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

Bob Hurte

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

p. 1078

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

ANTHEM

Go

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

p. 857-858

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Breathe!"

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 #286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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 #288

*Spirit of the Living God  
(Sing Twice)*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE #654

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

\*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

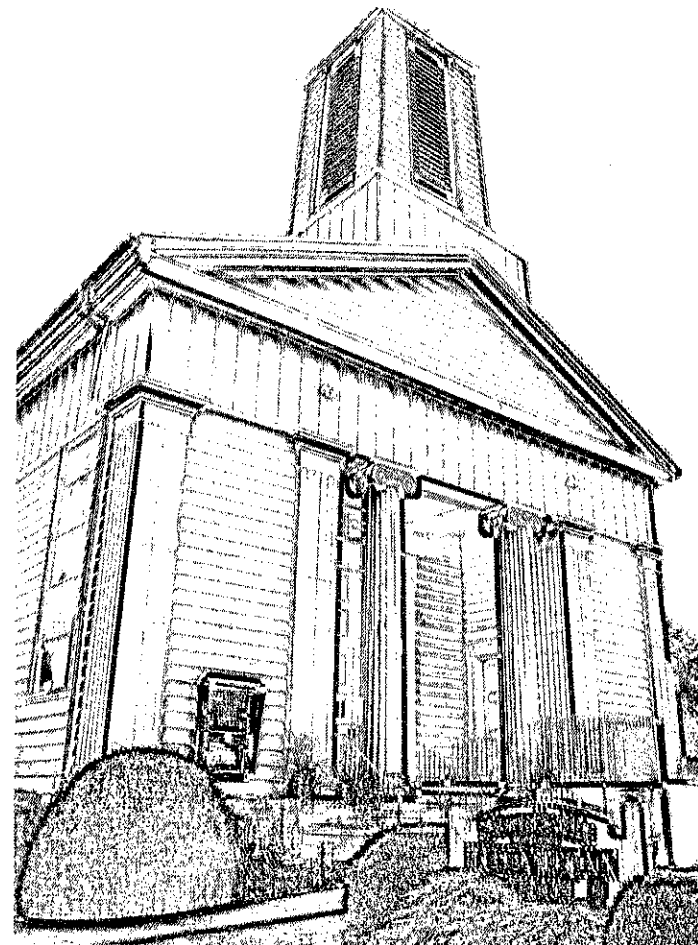
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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of May 15, 2024)

Sherman Family	Slack Family	Peter S.
Betty H.	Bud E.	June G.
Jonathan D.	Albert B.	Lisa C.-H.
Kim S.	Mary Ann D.	Jackie F.
Laszlo M. & Family	Jon O. & Family	Denice M.
Thompson Family	Scott & Merissa B.	Antoinette G.
Morgan B. & Family	Hurte Family	Yvonne H.
Robert & Glenn F.	Cherease L.	Colton M.
Leni V.	Deanna M. & Family	Frank I.
Elsie F.	Charlie H.	Jackie L.
Heather G.	Sandy S.'s Family	Jane R.
Baby Noah	Pamela & Gregory H.	Greg R.
Dody M. & Family	Pastor Stephen's Family	Nicholas C.
Dugey Family	Bob J.	Steven M.
Eric T. & Family	Burdette Family	Jeffrey G.
Ryan J. & Family		Betty N.
		Kevin O.
		Renée's Parents

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

**This Week's Mission Partner: Covenant Network of  
Presbyterians**

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>	Laura Diacopoulos
<b>Greeter Today</b>	Linda and Paul Williams
<b>Broadcast Team</b>	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
<b>Nursery Today</b>	Laura Choi and Carol Nixon
<b>Hosting Time for Fellowship</b>	Lisa Muentener and Scott Goff

### Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 5/19:** Time for Fellowship after Worship Service  
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Tuesday, 5/21:** Mission Trip Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library

**Wednesday, 5/22:** AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Friday, 5/24:** Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library  
Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

**Sunday, 5/26:** Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.  
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Today, 5/19:** Giulianna Cantagallo-Rohm

**Thursday, 5/23:** Noah Culcasi

**Saturday, 5/25:** Jim Riley

### 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.

**Summer Worship Schedule.** Starting on Sunday, June 2, our Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Our Summer Schedule will run through Sunday, September 1. The last day of Sunday School for this school year is next Sunday, May 26. Sunday School will resume with Rally Day on Sept. 8.

### 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.

**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.

There will be a Mission Trip meeting at 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday, May 21, in the library.

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

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

### Memorial Day Events

**Saturday, May 25:** There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Rally Point in Lopatcong Township Municipal Park.

This will include a 2 Bell Ceremony, and many vocal and instrumental performances.

The ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m., with light refreshments at about 8:30 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m., a U.S. Army Black Helicopter will land at the rally point site. Bring a lawn chair/blanket.

**Monday, May 29:** Greenwich Township will hold their Memorial Day Parade and Service.

The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on North Main Street and will march to Thomas Stewart Park.

The service will begin at about 11:00 a.m. in the park.

There is seating in the park pavilion, but it is recommended to bring a lawn chair/blanket.

**Pray for This Week’s Mission Partner: Covenant Network of Presbyterians.** The Covenant Network of Presbyterians is a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders that calls the church to bear a unified witness to generous hospitality and faithful justice. We seek an equity still not fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society by: Engaging the church to invite all of God’s children into safe and welcoming congregational spaces; educating the church to expand our welcome of LGBTQIA+ people; and equipping the church to bear witness to justice through advocacy and activism.