

September 1, 2024
10:00 AM Service of Worship
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fred Gary

Leader: When we long for your presence,

People: You are there with us, O source of comfort.

Leader: When we face dangers and perils,

People: You are there for us, O source of strength.

Leader: When we need to do justice,

People: You are there within us, O source of courage.

Leader: So we come with songs and praises,

**People: That all the ends of the earth and all the families
of the nations may know of your love.**

Leader: Let us praise God!

*HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, friend of all,

Once again, we come to you knowing

our words have stung,

our actions have harmed,

and our indifference has let evil have its day.

Our hearts yearn for you,

our souls thirst for you,

yet we do not imitate you in our lives.

We scorn those who are different from us,

and relish our own comfort.

Once again, forgive us, O God.

Give us your living water,

that we might tell the world

all you have done for us.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, amen.

*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

Psalm 42:1-2

p. 556

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

SECOND LESSON

John 4:5-14

p. 1052-1053

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Longing for More"

Scott Goff and

Lisa Muentener

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 #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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 #462

I Love to Tell the Story

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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

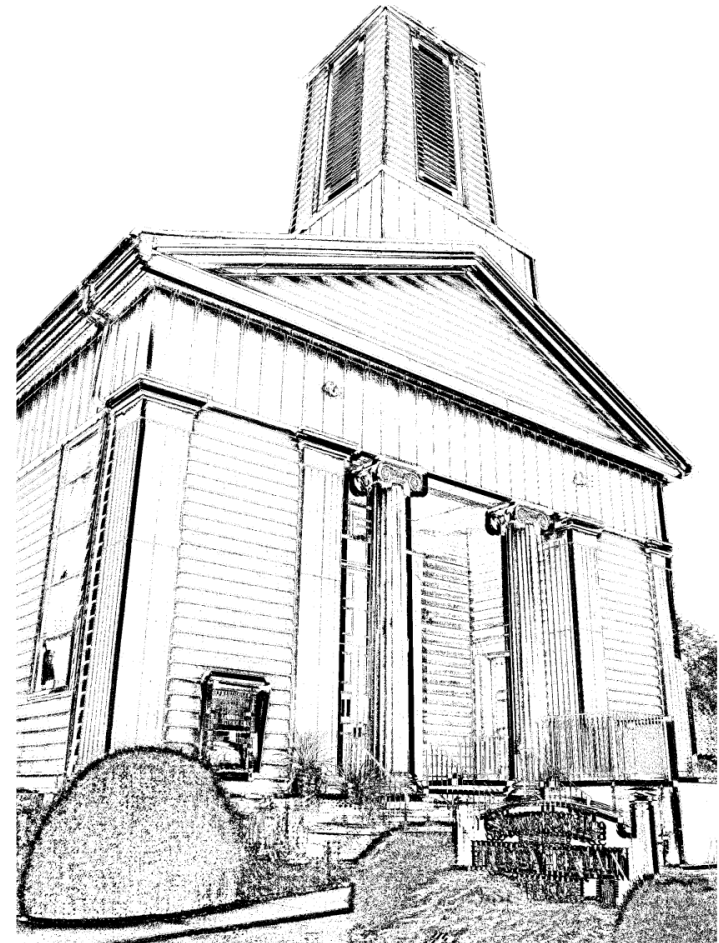
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UrbanPromise. On Saturday, Sept. 28, Pastor Stephen will join other paddlers in voyager canoes to circumnavigate Petty's Island on the Delaware River to raise money for UrbanPromise. (Petty's Island is a 292-acre island located in the river near Philadelphia.) For more than 30 years, Camden's youth have been growing and thriving in UrbanPromise's supportive and educational community, one that challenges them to build the skills they need to achieve the goals they envision for themselves.

Pastor Stephen's goal is to raise \$1,000.

If you would like to support Pastor Stephen, you can make a donation by writing a check to Stewartsville Presbyterian Church and note "UrbanPromise" on the memo line.

For online giving, please go to the church website (www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Special, and specify "UrbanPromise" in Notes.

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

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

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: NORWESCAP Food Bank. In Warren, Sussex, and Hunterdon counties – served by the NORWESCAP Food Bank – more than 7% of the people live in food insecure households. Each year, the NORWESCAP Food Bank distributes the equivalent of approximately 1.7 million meals to more than 100 food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, on-site feeding programs, and adult and children's day care centers throughout the 3 counties. Our Adult Lunch Group collects monetary donations for the Food Bank at their monthly luncheons.

OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Fred Gary
Greeter Today	Mabel Cook
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Nancy Sampson and Sarah Sampson

Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Today, 9/1: AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Monday, 9/2: Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Wednesday, 9/4: Deacons Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Friday, 9/6: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Panera

Sunday, 9/8: Return to Regular Worship Schedule

Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., with Holy Communion

Rally Day Picnic after Worship Service

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tuesday, 9/3: Tayliss Choi

Dale & Lynn Alpaugh – Anniversary

Wednesday, 9/4: Michael Diacopoulos

Saturday, 9/7: Jim & Janis Clark – 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.

Regular Worship Schedule. We will return to our regular worship service schedule next Sunday, Sept. 8, with worship at 10:30 a.m. We will also celebrate Holy Communion during the service.

Rally Day Picnic. Please join us for our Rally Day Picnic after the 10:30 a.m. worship service next Sunday, Sept. 8.

The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, and beverages. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

Announcements (continued)

Church Office Closed. The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day.

Regular office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Pastor Stephen's day off is Tuesday.

Sunday School. Beginning next Sunday, Sept. 8, Children's Sunday School will be held during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children will start worship with their families in the sanctuary, and will then be invited to join us downstairs after the Children's Sermon for Sunday School.

Sunday School will consist of a structured story/lesson/activity time. Sunday School is for children ages 3 through 6th grade. The Nursery will still be staffed for any children younger than 3-years-old.

On Communion Sundays, the children will be brought up at the start of Communion to join their families to partake in the Sacrament together.

The Adult Sunday School will meet at 9:20 a.m. in the library and on Zoom, beginning Sunday, Sept. 15. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark.

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Village Café, 665 Columbus Ave., Phillipsburg.

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, Sept. 9 to make your reservation.

Friday Morning Devotional Group. The Friday Morning Devotional Group will resume meeting each Friday at 8:00 a.m. beginning on Friday, Sept. 13. The group meets in person in the library and via Zoom.

We will be reading "Spiritual Classics" by Richard Foster and Emilie Griffin for our upcoming study.

The group will meet for coffee and fellowship at 8:00 a.m. this Friday, Sept. 6, at Panera.

If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Stephen know.

Blood Drive. We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We still need to have 11 people sign up 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 to set up an appointment.

Voices Needed! Our choir will meet for the first rehearsal of the season next Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room behind the sanctuary.

All interested new members, ages 13 and above, are encouraged to join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room. We will be singing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service each week.

No musical experience is necessary, so come join the fun with our growing choir! We look forward to lifting our voices to the Lord!

SPC 175th Anniversary. 2025 will mark the 175th anniversary of the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church! We have formed an Anniversary Committee to plan activities, celebrations, etc.

The committee will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, beginning Sept. 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Grief Support Group. If you have lost a spouse or loved one, and would like to connect with others from the church who are walking through grief, please let Pastor Stephen know.

We are looking to start a support group, where we can come together to listen, talk only if you want to, to find strength from God, and know you are not alone.

Our initial meeting will be sometime the first week of October. Please let Pastor Stephen know if you would like to participate.

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 toilet paper, soup, pasta and pasta sauce, and rice, as well as grocery bags.