

September 8, 2024
10:30 AM Service of Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost
The Lord's Supper

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laurie Winans

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #634

To God Be the Glory

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God,
By the gift of your grace,
we are saved from all that separates us from you.
Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love.
Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control.
Forgive us,
when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace.
Have mercy,
when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another.
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #475 (Insert) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
(Verse 3)

*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

Laura Choi

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-9

p. 1157

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

ANTHEM

Thy Word

Choir

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:25-31

p. 1128-1129

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Grace and Glory"

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.

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

*HYMN #507

Come to the Table of Grace

The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts and have satisfied our hunger. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. So how can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God?

Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word

*HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*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

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August Deacons Offering. We received \$339 for the special offering collected in August for the work and ministry of our Deacons. Thank you for your generosity!

Fall Women's Retreat. The Fall Women's Retreat will be held from Friday, Oct. 25 to Sunday, Oct. 27 at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. You may also attend the Saturday session only.

The theme for this retreat is "Delightful, Disruptive, and Delicious: Eating with Jesus." We will gather for a weekend of studying the Word, preparing Mediterranean meals, and sharing table fellowship.

Registration is 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 more 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 toilet paper, soup, pasta and pasta sauce, and rice, 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," 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: Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley. Volunteers are the driving force behind Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley. More than 2,000 seniors and people with disabilities depend on volunteers every day to deliver meals directly to their homes and senior centers. Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley offers other services, including grocery shopping. As a church, we deliver meals one week every month. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bud Evanoski.

OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Laurie Winans
Greeter Today	Don and Louisa Miers
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Hosting Rally Day Picnic	Fellowship Committee

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 9/8: Rally Day Picnic after Worship Service

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

Wednesday, 9/11: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Thursday, 9/12: Adult Lunch Group, 11:30 a.m., Pizza Village Café

Grange, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Friday, 9/13: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library

Needlecraft Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

Saturday, 9/14: Samplemakers, 10:00 a.m., Roan Hall

Sunday, 9/15: Blood Drive 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adult Sunday School, 9:20 a.m., Library

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

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

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Today, 9/8: Sarah Sampson

Tuesday, 9/10: Brian Ballentine

Barry & Tammy Oberly – Anniversary

Wednesday, 9/11: Jeff Schoeneberger

John Wagner

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.

Rally Day Picnic. Please join us in Roan Hall for food and fellowship after the worship service this morning.

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

We still need to have 5 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.

Announcements (continued)

Sunday School. Beginning today, 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 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 next 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 this 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 tomorrow, 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 this 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.

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

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.

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brass Rail, 840 Belvidere Rd., 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.

Voices Needed! All interested new choir members, ages 13 and above, are encouraged to join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for practice in the choir room. We will sing 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!

UrbanPromise Fundraiser. 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.)

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.stewartvillepc.org), Give Now, Special, and specify "UrbanPromise" in Notes.

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.