

January 19, 2025
10:30 AM Service of Worship
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Clark

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Happy and blessed are those who walk in God's ways,
who seek the Lord with their whole heart.

People: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love,

**How often do we utter careless words
that humiliate or harm?**

**How often do we lash out in anger,
when we could reach out with kindness?**

**How often do we hurt those we love
and tear away at relationships that give life?**

Forgive us, we pray.

**In your abundant mercy, give us the grace
to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness,
and to work for reconciliation
in our homes and our communities.**

**Turn our hearts back to you
and teach us the ways of love,
so that we might hold fast to one another,
and draw near to your presence.**

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

*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

Matthew 5:13-16

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

ANTHEM

God is There

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:33-37

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Let Your Yes Be Yes"

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 #691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

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 #353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #127 *Jesus, the Light of the World (Refrain)*
***We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.***

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

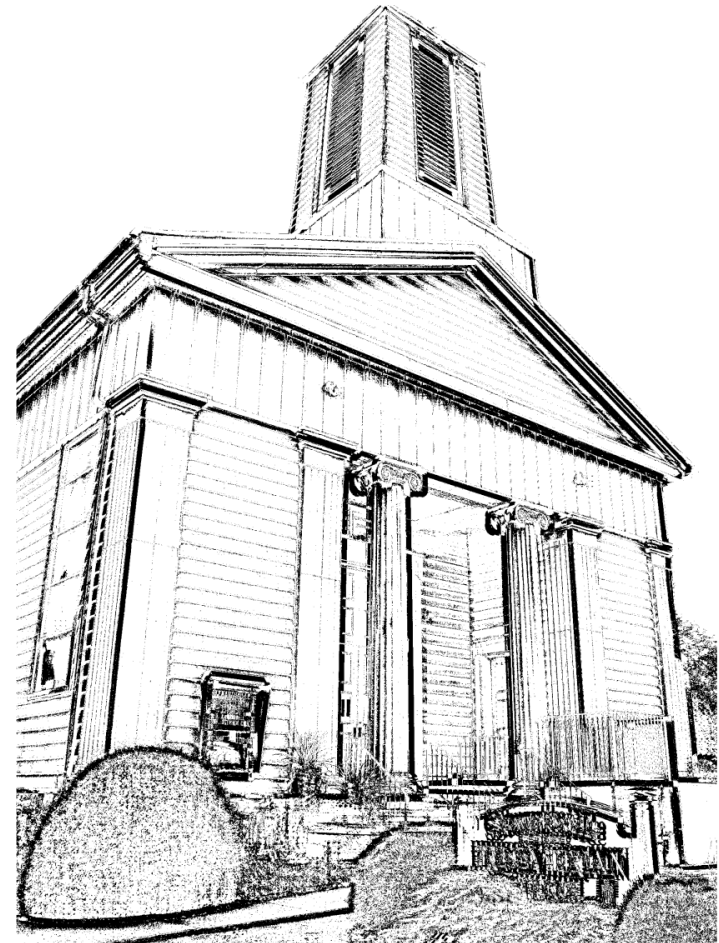
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Devotionals. The following daily devotionals are available on the table in the sanctuary, or by calling the church office:

- “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: 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 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

Jim Clark

Greeter Today

Mabel Cook

Broadcast Team

Alan Deak and

Bill Fleming

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 1/19: Special Session Meeting after Worship Service
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Monday, 1/20: Office Manager Away through Jan. 28

Wednesday, 1/22: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Friday, 1/24: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library

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

Grief Support Group, 2:00 p.m., Library

Sunday, 1/26: Adult Sunday School, 9:20 a.m., Library

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

with a Conversation with the Rev. Jack Roan

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship Service

Baked Ham Pot Luck Lunch after Annual Meeting

Deacons Chapel Service, 2:00 p.m., Lopatcong Care Center

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

This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

Thursday, 1/23: Savannah Lemon

Brandon Stecker

Friday, 1/24: Sue Higginson

Saturday, 1/25: Nicole Viscomi-Bove

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.

Honoring 175 Years of Faith and Service. As part of our 175th Anniversary Celebration, we will hold special Sunday services that highlight the Past, Present and Future of our church.

The worship service focusing on the Past will feature a conversation with the Rev. Jack Roan, and will be held during our 10:30 a.m. worship service next Sunday, Jan. 26. Rev. Roan is our Pastor Emeritus, who served our church for over 30 years.

Announcements (continued)

Annual Congregational Meeting. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, Jan. 26, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Copies of the 2024 Annual Report are available today on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

After the meeting, we will have a Baked Ham Pot Luck Luncheon in Roan Hall. Please see the insert in today's bulletin to sign up.

For more information, contact Linda Williams at 908-454-8104.

Office Manager Out of Office. Renée Herb, our office manager, will be away from tomorrow, Jan. 20 through Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Pastor Stephen will be checking the office email and voicemail while Renée is away.

Prospective New Members. If you are interested in learning more about the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church or in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Stephen.

Confirmation Class. We will begin a new Confirmation Class on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 5:00 p.m. in the library.

Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you have questions and if you would like to have your child attend.

Church Pictorial Directory. In celebration of our church's 175th anniversary, we are creating a new Church Pictorial Directory. Our last pictorial was published in 2013.

Photographs for the pictorial will be taken at the church on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15.

More information about how to make an appointment for photographs will be available over the next few weeks.

Souper Bowl of Caring. We will be collecting canned soup and cash donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, Feb. 9.

All donations we receive stay in our local community. 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 (www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Special, and specify "Souper Bowl" in Notes.

2025 Mission Trip. We are planning a Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic from June 27 to July 4, 2025.

We will again work with Foundation for Peace, and will continue our work with the same church we were helping to build this past summer.

Please let Pastor Stephen know if you are interested in participating. A \$50 deposit is needed to reserve your spot.

Per Capita Offering. Every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly based on church membership. The Per Capita apportionment for 2025 is \$43.50 per confirmed member.

Please prayerfully consider contributing your portion so that it does not come out of our General Fund Budget. Our church pays Per Capita for each of our members, regardless of whether or not you give.

To give Per Capita online, go to the church website (www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, General, and specify "Per Capita" in Notes.

2025 Offering Envelopes. The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Please contact the office if you need your envelopes mailed to you.

175th Anniversary Survey. This year will mark our 175th anniversary as the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church.

As part of our anniversary celebration, we ask that you share some of your fondest memories.

There are surveys on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office and we can email them to you. Place your completed surveys in the offering plate, or mail them to the church office.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry. At this time, the Catholic Charities Food Pantry is in particular need of bath soap, shampoo and conditioner, dish detergent, and laundry detergent, as well as grocery bags.

Inclement Weather. If you are unsure if we will be worshipping on a Sunday when there is severe inclement weather, please call the church at 908-859-1399. There will be a special outgoing message if church is cancelled. You can also check the church Facebook page.