

January 12, 2025
10:30 AM Service of Worship
Baptism of the Lord

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Montgomery

Leader: We are here, because we have heard the call of Jesus
in our lives.

**People: We are here to support and challenge one another
to rise up and follow.**

Leader: We are here, because we want to be God's people.

**People: We want to learn more about what it means
to be the people of God.**

Leader: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole
by the Spirit of the living God.

**People: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit,
and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.

*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 Mary Lou Gary

FIRST LESSON Matthew 25:31-40 p. 984
This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Choir

SECOND LESSON James 2:14-18 p. 1197
This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL "The Firth Youth Center" Kelly Post-Sheedy

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 #79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

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 #543 *O Christ, Surround Me*

*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

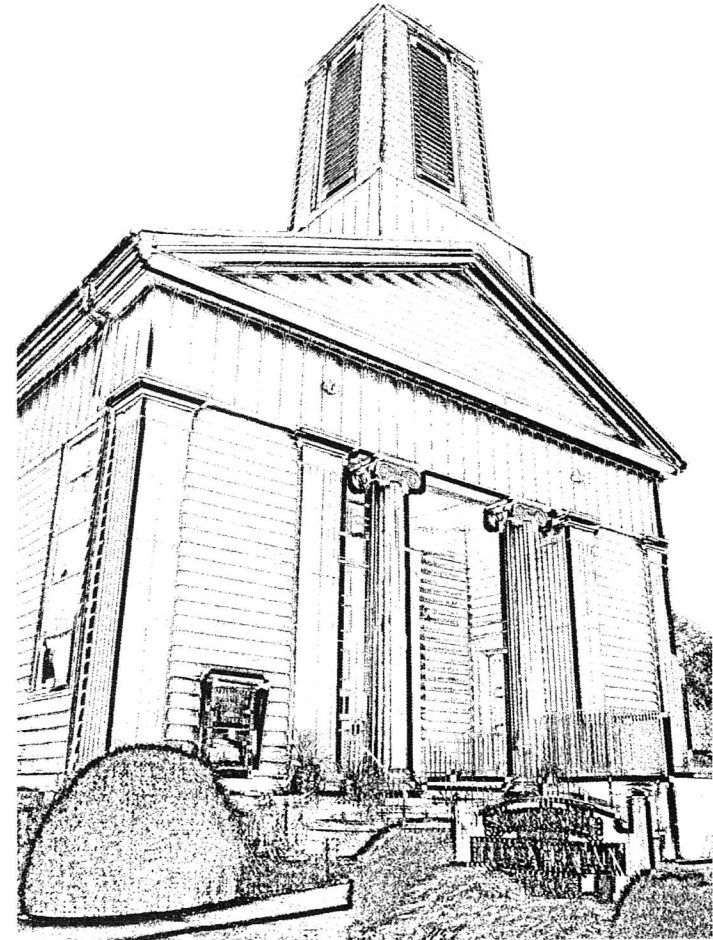
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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of Jan. 8, 2025)

Vincent A.	Barbara N. &	Nicole V.-B. &
Frank C. & Family	Family	Family
Bessie S.	Joey R.'s Family	Bernice C. &
Greg R.	Brittany K.	Family
Gwen	Dorothy M.	Norman S.
Kim S.	Sebastian S. &	Ryan D.
Jackie E.	Family	Rachel S.
Jack W.	Mimi E.	Peter S.
Lance D.'s Family	Edinger Family	Antoinette G.
Ferri Family	Debbie S.	Yvonne H.
John L.	Paula N. & Family	Colton M.
Jerry C.	Elizabeth K.	Frank I.
Bork Family	Wesley G.	Steven M.
Stem Family	White Family	Jeffrey G.
Cindy B.'s	Julio M. & Family	Betty N.
Grandson	Melissa T.	Kevin O.
Alison L. & Family	Heyer Family	Renée's Parents

Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace

This Week's Mission Partner: Firth Youth Center

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

Kathy Montgomery

Greeter Today

Catie Jewell

Broadcast Team

Alan Deak and

Bill Fleming

Hosting Time for Fellowship

Fellowship Committee

Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Today, 1/12: Time for Fellowship after Worship Service

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

Wednesday, 1/15: 175th Anniversary Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,

Library

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Thursday, 1/16: Women's Circle, 6:00 p.m., Carrabba's Italian Grill

Officer Training, 7:00 p.m., Library

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

Friday, 1/17: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library

Fiber Arts, 9:30 a.m., Roan Hall

Sunday, 1/19: 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 and Anniversaries

Monday, 1/13: Vanessa Poremba

Wednesday, 1/15: Laura Morris

Thursday, 1/16: Dale Alpaugh

Bill Nixon

Saturday, 1/18: John Evans

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.

Guest Organist. Many thanks to Deborah Clewell for filling in as our organist today. Debby is a registered nurse and was the organist at Fairmount Presbyterian Church from 1979-2007.

Announcements (continued)

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet this Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 2471 Park Ave., Easton, PA.

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.

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 on Sunday, Jan. 26. Rev. Roan is our Pastor Emeritus, who served our church for over 30 years.

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

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.

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.

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. In addition, any closings or delays will be announced on wfmz.com and may be displayed on Channel 69 News.

Christmas Joy Offering. We received \$242 for the Christmas Joy Offering, which was collected throughout Advent. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

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: Firth Youth Center. The Joseph H. Firth Youth Center is a private, charitable organization devoted to serving the youth of Phillipsburg since 1954, through a wide variety of dynamic programming, and educational and athletic opportunities. The Firth Youth Center is committed to building the resiliency of our most underserved populations. Kelly Post-Sheedy is the Executive Director of the Firth Youth Center.