

May 3, 2026
10:30 AM Service of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter
The Lord's Supper

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Henry Choi

Leader: God's mercy is deeper than we can imagine.

People: God's love is stronger than we can comprehend.

Leader: God's power is more mighty,

People: God's presence more endless,

Leader: God's truth more holy than any words can express.

People: Thanks be to God for the boundless gift of grace.

Leader: Let us worship God with joy!

*HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God,

We want to give thanks, but our sins get in the way.

We want to live thankfully,

but we are so consumed with what we lack,

and we overlook what we have received from you.

You have blessed us, and you care for us,

but we are too busy sometimes to notice.

Forgive us our sins.

Awaken us to your presence.

Redirect us to your way,

so that we may follow Jesus

with praise and thanksgiving.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #551

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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 30:4-5, 10-12

p. 547-548

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

ANTHEM

Prayer for Peace

Choir

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

p. 1171

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Joyful and Thankful Always"

Pastor Stephen Choi

Responding to the Word

*DECLARATION OF FAITH (Insert)

Philippians 2:5-11

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 #506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

**Risen God, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ,
and for the new life promised to us by his resurrection.**

**We give you thanks for the gifts of bread and cup, and we
ask that they would be for us the strength and nourishment
for our new life together, as we seek to follow Christ,
in order that we may be a blessing of your steadfast love
to the world. Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word

*HYMN (Insert)

Make Me a Blessing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #313 (Verse 1)

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more holy;

Lord, make us more holy;

Lord, make us more holy,

until we meet again:

holy, holy, holy,

until we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

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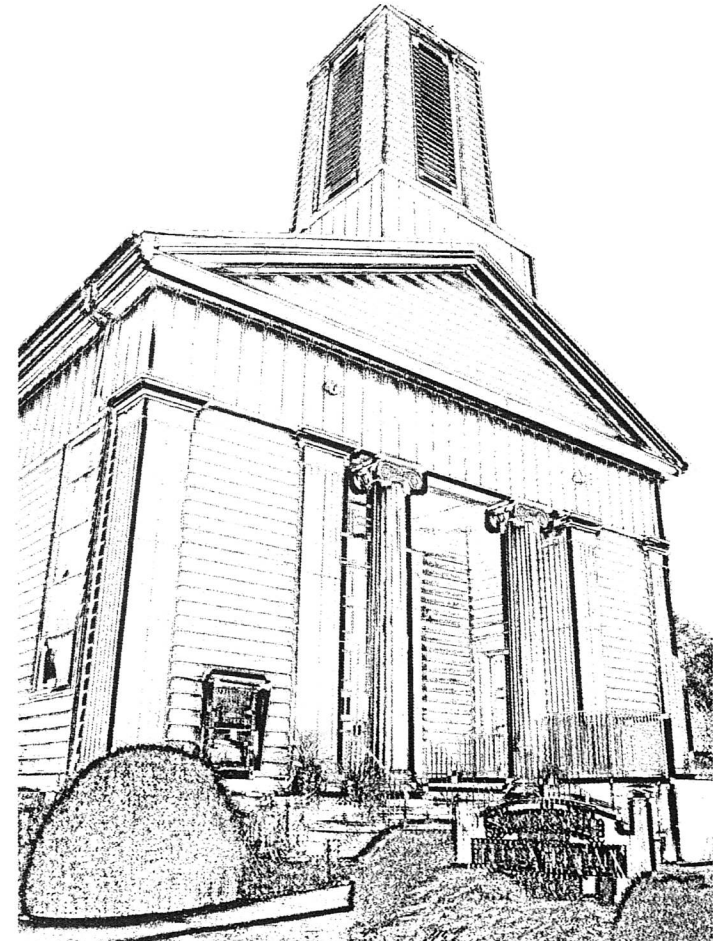
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The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

Denise DeMasi, Choir Director

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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of May 1, 2026)

Suzy C.	Lola L.	Rich H.
Cook/Gary Family	Janelle A. & Family	Joan H.
Rountree Family	Deb J.	Ed H.'s Parents
Miers Family	Lincoln H.	Michael M.
Janine H.	Murphy Family	Denise D.
Roberta F.	Joe & Ginny B.	Rosie E.
John D.	Sue Grant	Dawn B.
Betty P.	Paula R.	Stephanie B.
Jackie L.	Sue G.	Ivy N.
Michael H.	Sammis/Herb Family	Kim S.
Rooks Family	Virginia S.	Paxton B.
Parin Family	Kristian & Ava K.	Peter S.
Carol Z.'s Family	Kay P.	Colton M.
Lauren C.	Stoops Family	Frank I.
Jose M.	Marvin H.	Jeffrey G.
Connie G.		Betty N.
Ron D.		Kevin O.

Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters

Justice and Peace, Military Members & Their Families

This Week's Mission Partner: Community FoodBank of NJ

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	Henry Choi
Greeters Today	Scott Goff and Lisa Muentener
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Sunday School and Nursery	Sarah Sampson and Carol Evanoski

Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Today, 5/3: AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Wednesday, 5/6: Deacons Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Friday, 5/8: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library

Saturday, 5/9: Samplemakers, 10:00 a.m., Roan Hall

Sunday, 5/10: Mother's Day

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

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

Youth Choir Sings during Worship Service

Time for Fellowship after Worship Service

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

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tuesday, 5/5: Timothy & Maureen Sampson – 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.

Blood Drive. We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, May 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We still need to have 7 people registered to donate!

Anyone wishing to donate can call Cindy Bowman at 908-619-8697 or email her at cmbowman1023@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

Pentecost Sunday. On Pentecost, May 24, please wear red for "Red Out Sunday" during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Pastor Stephen has something special planned for the worship service.

Announcements (continued)

With Sympathy. Mabel Cook passed away on Thursday, April 23, from cancer. She was a long-time member of our congregation and had served as a Deacon. Mabel's funeral service was held in our sanctuary on Wednesday, April 29.

Please keep Mabel's family in your prayers.

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Tic-Toc Family Restaurant, 2510 Northampton St., Easton, PA.

Each month we encourage participants to bring a can of soup or \$1 to the luncheon to donate to the NORWESCAP Food Bank.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861 by Monday, May 11, to make your reservation.

Attention Proud Parents and Guardians! We would like to include information about our high school, college, and trade school graduates in the June Newsletter.

Please e-mail the following information to the church office by Friday, May 15: Student's name, the school from which they are graduating, the date of graduation, the type of degree or certificate they earned, and what their future plans may be (college/trade school/work).

Baby Items Needed. This summer, Ella Choi will spend 6 weeks in Uganda working with a grassroots nonprofit supporting women, public health, and economic empowerment.

Ella is collecting donations to support mothers and newborns in underserved communities in Northern Uganda. Most needed at this time are: suction bulbs, baby towels, newborn baby clothes, baby blankets, and notebooks.

There is a box in the back of the sanctuary where you may put donations. Please bring donations to the church by Sunday, May 17; Ella leaves that evening.

If you would like to make a monetary donation toward these needed items, please note "Uganda Mission" on your check. For online giving, go to the church website (stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Special, and specify "Uganda Mission" in Notes. The deadline for monetary donations is Wednesday, May 13.

Capital Campaign. As of April 30, we have received \$19,270 for our Capital Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$30,000.

Rummage and Bake Sale. Our Old-Fashioned Church Rummage and Bake Sale on April 10 and 11 was a success!

We made \$2,600, which was split evenly (\$1,300 each) between our Capital Campaign Fund and The Village NJ, which supports local families in crisis.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated items for the rummage sale, brought in yummy baked goods, helped to set up, volunteered to work during the sale, and helped clean up.

Summer Mission Trip. For our Summer Mission Trip, we will participate in the WorkGroup program of UrbanPromise in Camden, NJ. The dates are Sunday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 7. The WorkGroup program combines ministry and practical projects. Mornings involve engaging Camden-area youth in summer camps. Afternoons are for projects such as landscaping and painting. Enrichment activities include game night, a tour of Camden, and dinner discussions with our teens.

If interested, please speak with Pastor Stephen. You can also contact the church office to have a brochure emailed to you.

Catholic Charities. We continue to donate food and toiletries to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

At this time, the Food Pantry is in need of tampons, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni & cheese, and pasta sauce, as well as grocery bags.

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

- "Our Daily Bread," Mar./April/May issue.
- "Today," May/June issue
- "Our Daily Bread," large-print edition, April/May/June issue.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Community FoodBank of NJ. The Community FoodBank of NJ fights hunger and poverty in New Jersey by assisting those in need and seeking long-term solutions. They package food orders for local soup kitchens and food pantries; purchase and collect food for distribution; help people in need through SNAP application assistance; reach communities with limited resources with mobile pantries; and encourage others to get involved. Last year, they distributed food for over 90 million meals.