

May 24, 2026
10:30 AM Service of Worship
Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Hurte

Leader: God sent forth the Spirit, and all creation rejoiced.
God's breath filled the skies, the land,
and all creatures.

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we have breath.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of new creation,
We confess that we have failed to trust
your bountiful goodness.
By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth
and its creatures in abundance.
Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse
to share your gifts.
We dishonor your generosity by withholding
our charity to those in need.
We betray your kindness by dealing harshly
with our enemies.
We disregard your compassion by severely judging
the sins of others.
Forgive us.
By the power of your Spirit
renew our hearts and free us from sins
that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing
upon all creation.**

*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

Denise DeMasi

FIRST LESSON

John 20:19-22

p. 1075

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

ANTHEM

Go!

Choir

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-12

p. 1078

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Pentecost Balloons"

Pastor Stephen Choi

Responding to the Word

*DECLARATION OF FAITH (Insert)

Philippians 2:5-11

*HYMN #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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 #287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

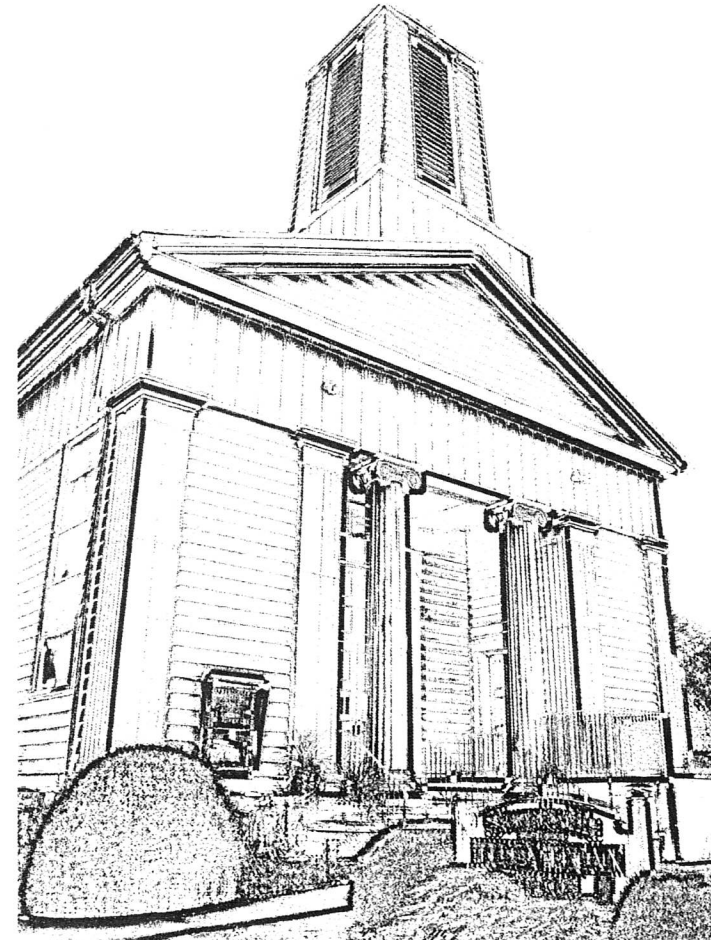
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #313 (Verse 4) *Lord, Make Us More Holy*
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful,
until we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

STEWARTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of May 22, 2026)

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

Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace, Military Members & Their Families
This Week's Mission Partner: Miller-Keystone Blood 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	Bob Hurte
Greeter Today	Melanie Loyle
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Sunday School and Nursery	Sarah Sampson and Lisa Fry

Week Ahead at Stewartsville Presbyterian Church

Today, 5/24: Deacons Chapel Service, 2:00 p.m., Lopat. Care Ctr.
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Monday, 5/25: Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday, 5/26: Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
Wednesday, 5/27: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Thursday, 5/28: Women's Circle, 6:00 p.m., Tacos Y Tequila
Friday, 5/29: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library
Sunday, 5/31: 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.
 Time for Fellowship after Worship Service
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday, 5/25: Jim Riley
Tuesday, 5/26: Bradley Fry
Wednesday, 5/27: Pastor Stephen & Laura Choi – 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, next Sunday, May 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We still need to have 5 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.

Church Office Closed. The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 25, for Memorial Day.

Announcements (continued)

Summer Worship Schedule. Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 7, with worship service at 10:00 a.m.

The last day for Children's and Adult Sunday School is next Sunday, May 31. Sunday School will resume in September.

Special Worship with Hudson Musuuza. Please join us next Sunday, May 31, for our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Hudson Musuuza, our UrbanPromise fellow who recently received his Master's Degree, will assist during the worship and with the sermon.

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

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet this Thursday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Tacos Y Tequila, 20 Kunkle Drive, 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.

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 as soon as possible. We would like to have everyone registered by next Sunday, May 31.

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, June 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brass Rail, 840 Belvidere Road.

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, June 8, to make your reservation.

Capital Campaign. As of May 1, we have received \$19,368 for our Capital Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$30,000.

Uganda Mission. Thank you for all of the donations of baby items and monetary donations for Ella Choi's humanitarian mission trip to Uganda.

Ella departed last Sunday, May 17, but her group missed a connecting flight in Ethiopia. In the meantime, because of the Ebola outbreak in Uganda, Columbia University cancelled the mission trip. Ella is now home.

The baby items that were collected were sent on to the grassroots nonprofit that Ella was to work with.

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 feminine hygiene products, 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," June/July/Aug. issue.
- "Today," May/June issue
- "Our Daily Bread," large-print edition, April/May/June issue.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Miller-Keystone Blood Center's mission is to save lives by partnering with the community to provide a continuous supply of blood products and services. Founded in 1971, Miller-Keystone serves as the sole blood provider for 29 hospitals in eastern PA and western NJ. The Blood Donation Ministry of our church partners with Miller-Keystone to sponsor 2 blood drives each year. We will hold a blood drive next Sunday, May 31, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our second blood drive for 2026 will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1.