

**Welcome to Stanton Reformed Church!**  
**We're so glad you've joined us for worship today!**

If you're visiting, we would like to extend a special welcome to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask an usher - they're the folks who gave you this bulletin!

**Restrooms** - From the back of the sanctuary, head left, pass the coat closet and go through the double doors, they're straight ahead of you.

**Nursery** - We provide nursery care and our loving adults would enjoy meeting your littlest ones. To get to the nursery, head left from the back of the sanctuary, pass the coat closet and it is on your right. Feel free to stay with your little one if you'd like. But we also want you to enjoy worship so the nursery staff is happy to take your cell phone and can text you with updates. We want you to feel comfortable!

**Children** - About 15 minutes into the worship service, children are invited forward for a special message just for them. You're welcome to join your child up front if you prefer.

**Sunday School** - After the children's sermon, we have classes for children from preschool through high school. Younger children meet weekly, the classrooms are in our lower level; the stairs are immediately to your right when you leave the sanctuary. Middle school students meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, and high school students meet the 3rd Sunday of each month. There are loving adults in the foyer directing children to the right class. If you have questions, again don't hesitate to ask an usher. You can pick up your child after worship in their classroom.

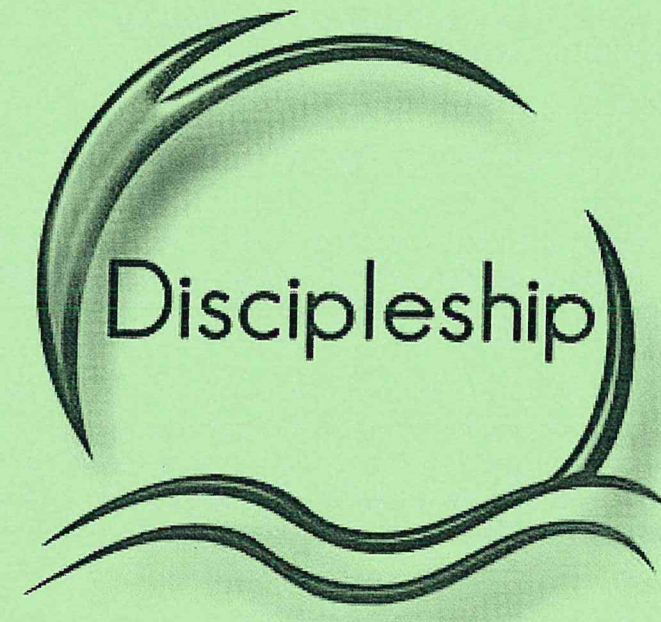
**Fellowship Time After Worship** - After worship, we gather as a community for coffee, tea and snacks. If you're able, please join us.

**Want to know more?** There are cards in the back of the pews for you to provide your name and contact information if you would like more information about our community of faith. Again, welcome! We're so glad you're here!

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***Stanton Reformed Church***  
***Founded 1833***

***A Congregation of the***  
***Reformed Church in America***

***Sunday, February 16, 2020***  
***Sixth Sunday after Epiphany***

## We Assemble in God's Name

\* invites you to stand with us, in body or in spirit, as you are able.

**Bold** indicates parts read by the congregation.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude                      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*                      arr. Mark Hayes

Preparation for Worship

*God, help us to grow with open eyes and open hearts. Help us to open our hearts to what breaks our hearts, so that we may live with compassion and peace.*

*Open our eyes to the abundance found in Creation, in what blooms and grows even against the odds. Amen.*

Choral Introit                      *Will You Come and Follow Me*                      The Iona Community

*Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?*

*Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?*

Call to Worship

We gather together today in God's house to worship.

**We open our hearts to give thanks and praise.**

We come seeking God's guidance in all we do.

**In this time, God will grow us as a community of faith who serves and loves.**

Come, let us worship the living God who makes all things possible.

\*Hymn of Praise #78                      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*                      ST. ANNE  
(verses 1-3)

Call to Confession

Each of us comes with the desire to choose life – to follow God.

As we turn to God in confession, might we know God's deep love for us,  
particularly in those times we wish to give up, run away or hide.

Prayer of Confession

God, we come before you today knowing that you are a God who is with us.

**When we sing and play and dance, you dance alongside us.**

When we stumble and fall, you send someone to lift us up.

**When our hearts are heavy, and we grieve, your tears flow with ours.**

Receive us as we are, here and now.

*Pause for silent confession,*

*Or follow your breath as a way of being present with God.*

**Consistory Members** - *Our Church is governed by a board of Elders and Deacons, together they make up our "Consistory." The Consistory oversees the worship and work of the church. If you have questions or comments, one of these folks will be happy to serve you.*

Diane Clapp, *Personnel and Finance & Stewardship Committees*

Scott Clarke, *Learning Center and Personnel committee*

Michele D'Amico, *All Are Welcome committee*

Sara Haviland Jackson, *VP of Consistory and Communications Committee*

Lauren Huelsebusch, *Worship committee*

Melody Landon Simerson, *Congregational Nurture Committee*

JP Magron, *member at large*

Erik Petrushen, *Nominating Committee*

Ed Scheuermann, *Interim Liaison Buildings and Grounds*

Tanya Tuccillo, *Mission Committee*

Bud Tunison, *Finance & Stewardship Committee*

Michele White, *Christian Education Committee*

- Joe Herb's sister was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Charlie Scammell requested prayers for Sue Scammell Carpenter, who is fighting lymphoma.
- Lauren Huelsebusch's brother, Jeff Shiffrin, passed away after a head injury. Prayers for his loving wife, Eileen, their children and family.
- Janet and Doug, who were both hospitalized with the flu.
- David Lockart, was a Choral Director here in the 60s, passed away from pancreatic cancer on January 30, 2020 at age 64. Prayers for peace and comfort for his loving wife, Linda, and his family.
- The young girl from Vorhees who just passed away. Prayers for mental illness and suffering.
- Prayers for Josephine, who lost her husband of 74 years.
- Friend of Jake Hendershot who lost his life to suicide. Prayers for his parents, family and friends. And extra prayers for our teenagers.
- Prayers for Jayne Koch and family, as they grieve the loss of Carl.
- Susan Miller is in the hospital.
- Carole Falar's friend, Wendy, recuperating from complications from knee replacement surgery.
- Collingswood Reformed Church - this week's Classis church we hold in prayer.

**Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:**

- Jillian and Brandon LeBaron are having a girl.
- Joy for Kathleen and Nick Zemlachenko's daughter's upcoming marriage.
- Cheryl and Brian Sweatt's daughter was hired by Penn State, after years of preparation.
- Scarlett Doyle shared joy for the progressive dinner, and collective giving.

**Birthday Blessings:**

Feb 18 - Lauren Huelsebusch	Feb 18 - Edward Zalewski
Feb 19 - Delia Jackson	Feb 25 - Gianna Tichenor

We are here with open arms and open hearts.

**We long to seek you with our whole heart, God.**

Help us to release that which binds us to unhappiness.

**Help us to shed the layers of doubt, disease, and uncertainty.**

Help us to clothe ourselves with your limitless love

**Cleanse us with your forgiveness. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon and Summary of the Law

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God.

Nothing.

**God's river of love flows deep and wide,  
and is always and forever washing us clean.**

Therefore, let us be kind and compassionate to one another.

**Let us forgive each other, just as God has forgiven us.**

Let us follow God's example.

**As God's beloved, let us walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us.**

May we know the love and peace of Christ this day.

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Gloria Patri (#807)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

Choral Anthem

*You Will Reap What You Sow*

Pepper Choplin

*What you sow, you will reap, reap what you sow.*

*What you plant in your life will surely grow.*

*And what you grow with love will surely bloom,  
and the fruit of your labor will come back to you.*

*Do not tire from doing good and never give up when the road gets rough.*

*For one day soon a great reward you'll see  
from the good you've done when the harvest comes*

*What you sow, you will reap, reap what you sow.*

*What you plant in your life will surely keep*

*'til you achieve the things you're striving for,*

*and taste the joy of your reward.*

## Proclamation of the Word

Children's Moment - Learn a prayer with hand motions!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Page 164, regular print

Page 213, large print

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Page 179, regular print

Page 233, large print

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
That where there is hatred – I may bring love,  
That where there is wrong – I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;  
That where there is discord – I may bring harmony;  
That where there is error – I may bring truth;  
That where there is doubt – I may bring faith;  
That where there is despair – I may bring hope;  
That where there is sadness – I may bring joy.  
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort – Than to be comforted;  
To understand – Than to be understood;  
To love – Than to be loved;  
For it is by giving that one receives.  
It is in self-forgetting that one finds.  
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.  
It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life.

Sermon

Knowing Only Part of the Story

## **SRC to Host Ecumenical Lenten Soup/Service - Wed, Mar 11 - Volunteers Needed**

Stanton Church is hosting the Ecumenical Lenten Soup and Service on Wednesday, March 11th. We will gather at 6:30 pm for a Soup Supper, to be followed by a time of Learning at 7:15 PM. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

For this service we need volunteers to bring the following:

- 10 people to make soup, bringing 3 quarts in a crock pot
- 4 people bringing bread to serve 20 people each (total 80 people)
- 4 people bringing drinks (soda, water, coffee)
- 5 people bringing cookies or finger food desserts
- 2 people for table and chair set up
- Congregational nurture committee responsible for clean-up

## **February Mission of the Month - Meals on Wheels, Hunterdon County**

The Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon mission is to assist the homebound elderly and/or disabled residents of Hunterdon County, NJ maintain their independence by enhancing their nutritional health thereby avoiding unwanted institutionalization. Volunteer drivers deliver individually packaged nutritionally balanced meals to the participants' homes along specified routes around the noon hour Mondays through Fridays. In addition to bringing meals to the homebound, the drivers provide an assurance check each day.

**Prayers and Birthdays** - If you would like to have a prayer request in the bulletin, please contact Pastor Beth, or Carole at the church office. If you would like to send cards or notes to anyone on our prayer list, please contact the church office for an address.

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

- Prayers for Alfred Dentale - may he know he is loved.
- Megan Petrushun's aunt, Luci Houx, is in the hospital with an infection.
- Melody Landon's friend, Rob Kalesse, passed away last week with his loving wife beside him. Please keep his wife, Cristina, and his family in your prayers.
- Kathleen Zemlachenko's nephew is battling leukemia.
- Nick Zemlachenko's nephew is struggling with addiction.
- Michele D'Amico's mother continues to have difficulties with dialysis.
- Prayers for Joey Drelich, the Hunterdon Central freshman who committed suicide, his loving family and friends. May all find peace, and know that God loves them.
- Prayers for all youth, and for wisdom to help us to care for them.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2020 Ecumenical Lent Series

**Ash Wednesday** service with Rev. Liz Estes - February 26 at 7:30  
Church of the Holy Spirit,  
3 Haytown Road in Lebanon.

**Lenten Wednesdays** - We'll be following "Life Together" by Dietric Bonhoeffer (FYI, in case you would like to purchase the book). Dinner and discussions will rotate to various community churches.

~ 6:30 p.m. Soup ~ 7:15 p.m. Study ~

**Wednesday, March 4 @ Round Valley United Methodist Church**  
"Community" w/ Rev. Jeff May  
30 Main Street, Lebanon, NJ 08833

**Wednesday, March 11 @ Stanton Reformed Church**  
"The Day with Others" w/ Rev. Sarah Borgstrom Lee  
1 Stanton Mountain Road, Stanton, NJ 08885

**Wednesday, March 18 @ Whitehouse United Methodist Church**  
"The Day Alone" w/ Rev. Lynn Mears  
73 Old Highway 28, Whitehouse, NJ 08889

**Wednesday, March 25 @ Cokesbury United Methodist Church**  
"Ministry" w/ Rev. David Edwards  
230 Cokesbury Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833

**Wednesday, April 1 @ Califon United Methodist Church**  
"Confession and Communion" w/ Rev. Thomas E. Jones  
15 River Road, Califon, NJ 07830

**Lenten Sundays** - we'll be looking at various characters in the book of John "through the lens of Wilderness."

**Palm Sunday - April 5**

**Good Friday - April 10**

**Easter Sunday, April 1 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service**

@ Round Valley Boat Launch, County Road 629, Lebanon, NJ 08833  
Rev. Beth Scibienski, preaching  
Music by Mr. Ed & the Revs

**10 a.m. Easter Sunday Service here at Stanton**

## Our Response to God's Word and Spirit

\*Hymn of Response

*The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*

### The Perfect Wisdom of Our God



The per - fect wis - dom of our God re - vealed in all the u - ni - verse.  
The match - less wis - dom of his ways, that mark the path of right - eous - ness.  
O grant me wis - dom from a - bove to pray for peace and cling to love



All things cre - a - ted by his hand and held to - geth - er at his com - mand.  
His Word a lamp un - to my feet; His Spi - rit teach - ing and guid - ing me.  
and teach me hum - bly to re - ceive the sun and rain of your sov - ereign - ty.



He knows the mys - t'ries of the seas; the sec - rets of the stars are his.  
And O, the mys - t'ry of the cross, that God should suf - fer for the lost  
Each strand of sor - row has a place with - in this tap - es - try of grace.



He guides the plan - ets on their way and turns the earth though an - oth - er day.  
so that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glo - ry might go to Christ!  
So through the trials I choose to say: "Your per - fect will and your perfect way."

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Prayers of the People

*What joys and concerns do we have to share with one another?*

Candlelighting

God, we choose to be instruments of your love, beacons of hope and healing, and ushers of peace in a hurting world.

**When we are afraid, lonely, or tired, may we choose rest and renewal.**

Create in us cycles of life and seasons of healing.

**We dedicate ourselves to the service of your love, sharing our light to a hurting world. Amen.**

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**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.**

Our Gifts of Thanksgiving

Invitation to Giving

In this time of giving, we answer God's invitation to follow.

**Some of us come with pockets full of money and with the will to share our treasure;**

**Some come with pockets empty but with the will to share our lives in service.**

**However we come today, let us give with grateful hearts.**

The ushers may come forward to receive today's offering.

Offertory

*Interlude*

Eugenie Rocherolle

\*Doxology (#809 in unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication (*with hand motions*)

We are here, God. We choose love (place hand on heart).

We are here, God. We choose kindness (make prayer hands in front of your chest).

We are here, God. We choose life (with open hands).

Make us and these gifts to be instruments of your peace. Amen.

\*Hymn of Sending #78

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
(verses 4-6)

ST. ANNE

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

*Amen*

Postlude

*Sacred Harp Medley*

arr. Brant Adams

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING!**

- Leading us in worship today:
  - Preaching: Pastor Beth Scibienski
  - Liturgist: Melody Landon Simerson
  - Organist: Philip Stevenson
  - Music Director: Megan Petrushun
- Thank you to Christian Borea & Camille for being Acolytes today.
- Thank you to Peggy Bryers and Carol Hrubesh for ushering today.
- Thank you to the Borea-Cerciello family for hosting Fellowship today.
- The flowers on our altar are given in the glory of God by the Borea-Cerciello family.

**UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS**

<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	Feb 23	<b>Please sign up!</b>
	Mar 1	<b>Please sign up!</b>
<b><u>Fellowship Hour</u></b>	Feb 23	Pizza Sunday
	Mar 1	Nancy & Hector Arbelo
<b><u>Flowers</u></b>	Feb 23	The Scammell Family
	Mar 1	No flowers during Lent
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Feb 23	Beryl & Paul Gandolfo
	Mar 1	<b>Please sign up!</b>

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday, Feb 16	High School Sunday School	10:20 AM
Monday, Feb 17	Consistory Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb 18	NOTE: No Bible Reading Groups this week	
Friday, Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day	
Sunday, Feb 23	Worship Service with the Rev. Chris Small	10:00 AM
	Kids' Choir performs during Service	
	Scouts Sunday	
	Middle School Sunday School	10:20 AM
	Pizza Sunday	11:15 AM