

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 23, 2020
Transfiguration Sunday
Scout Sunday

- Melody Landon's son-in-law's family, as they grieve over the loss of their precious Aunt Mimi.
- The Maxwell family, grieving the loss of Uncle Tim.
- Annandale Reformed Church - this week's Classis church we hold in prayer.

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:

- 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.
- Thanks for Becky's love and friendship of ten years.
- Thanks for Carl Koch's life.
- Thankful for caregivers.

Birthday Blessings:

Feb 25 - Gianna Tichenor

Mar 3 - Lucas Teuber

Mar 4 - Anna Barton

Mar 4 - Josh Longo

Mar 8 - Cameron Wieben

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 Petrushun, *Nominating Committee*

Ed Scheuermann, *Interim Liaison Buildings and Grounds*

Tanya Tuccillo, *Mission Committee*

Bud Tunison, *Finance & Stewardship Committee*

Michele White, *Christian Education Committee*

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:

- Melody Landon's friend, Rob Kalesse, lost his battle with cancer. 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.
- 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.

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

Give Me Jesus

arr. Mary McDonald

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times,

God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

Let us exalt God's name together!

*Hymn of Praise #263

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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Scout Oath, Promise, and Law (see page 7)

Call to Confession

Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us.

Trust in God who has unified us in love, and offered us grace and peace.

Let us confess our sin together:

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

Hold silence for personal prayer

or follow your breath as a way of being present.

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

God is Always With Me

God is always with me, everywhere I go.

God is always with me, watching as I grow.

*God is with me everywhere, watching day and night,
when the moon is in the sky, when the sun is bright.*

When I'm home or far away, I am in God's care.

Whether skies are blue or gray, God is always there.

Scouting in the Community

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, reveal your will to us today through your word, read and proclaimed. Help us to understand your creative, redemptive, and consoling work, and lead us into the world, filled with your Spirit, to proclaim, baptize, and teach in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 15:5-14

Page 103, regular print

Page 134, large print

This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Unity Rooted in Love

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

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

Blood Drive in Whitehouse Station

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 390 Route 523 in Whitehouse Station, will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, March 1, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There is a great need for blood, and each pint can save up to three lives. If you are 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health, please come to donate the gift of life. For additional information, please call the church office at (908) 534-2319

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb 23	Worship Service with the Rev. Christopher Small Kids' Choir performs during Service Scout Sunday Middle School Sunday School	10:00 AM 10:20 AM
	Pizza Sunday Youth Group Mixer at the Escape Room	11:15 AM 12:30 PM
Tuesday, Feb 25	Prayer Shawl	2:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb 26	Bible Reading Group No Evening Bible Reading Group-NOTE: to resume after Easter	10:00 AM
	Ash Wednesday Service @Church of the Holy Spirit	7:30 PM
Sunday, Mar 1	Worship Service Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg	10:00 AM 11:15 AM

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 Borgstom 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

Our Response to God's Word and Spirit

*Hymn of Response #365 *Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide* EVENTIDE

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

More Love to Thee

arr. Brian Buda

*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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

Our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,

In feeding the world with your love;

Through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

Prayers of the People

What joys and concerns would we like to add to our list of prayers?

Let's pause in silence for those prayers that have not been mentioned but remain in our hearts and on our minds.

We seal these prayers with the prayer Jesus taught us,

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.

*Hymn of Sending #45

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Benediction

Postlude

Allegro con brio

F.J. Haydn

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

- Leading us in worship today:
 - Preaching: Pastor Christopher Small
 - Liturgist: Scouts from Troop 1969
 - Organist: Philip Stevenson
 - Music Director: Megan Petrushun
 - Scout Troops 80014, 81121, and 1969
- Thank you to the Scouts for being Acolytes today.
- Thank you to Beryl and Paul Gandolfo, with assistance from the Scouts, for ushering today.
- Thank you to the Congregational Nurture Committee for coordinating Pizza Sunday during Fellowship today.
- The flowers on our altar are given in the glory of God by Kellee and Charlie Scammell.
- Worship today is being led by Pastor Christopher Small. Growing up as the son of a pastor in Amarillo, Texas, Christopher has always been around and participated in ministry. He took this passion for ministry with him to Princeton Theological Seminary where he graduated with his Master of Divinity degree in 2015. Christopher first worked as a hospital chaplain at Princeton Medical Center at Plainsboro in 2013-2014. During this time as a chaplain, he became passionate about listening to and providing pastoral care for people dealing with grief, pain, and loss. Christopher also enjoys teaching and preaching in local churches. Before becoming the chaplain at Hunterdon Medical Center, Christopher spent most of his days as a stay-at-home dad for his two young children where he honed his domestic skills and cooking abilities.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS

<u>Acolytes</u>	Mar 1	Please sign up!
	Mar 8	Please sign up!
<u>Fellowship Hour</u>	Mar 1	Nancy & Hector Arbelo
	Mar 8	The White Family
<u>Flowers</u>	No flowers during Lent	
<u>Ushers</u>	Mar 1	Please sign up!
	Mar 8	Please sign up!

Stanton Celebrates Scouts! As part of the Girl Scout Promise and Boy Scout Oath, scouts pledge to serve God and their country and to help others at all times. Today we lift up these shared values for Scout Sunday, a tradition where scouts explore the connections between their faith and scouting. SRC charters BSA Troop 1969, and has hosted over five decades of troop meetings and events. Two Girl Scout troops meet at SRC: Junior Troop 81121 and Cadette Troop 80014. Many of these girls have grown together in the sisterhood of Girl Scouts since their kindergarten year.

Through scouting, girls and boys have endless opportunities to discover and nurture their interests, connect with others, and take action to better the world around them. They grow into compassionate leaders who inspire positive change in their communities and make the world a better place. The scouts are grateful to everyone at Stanton for supporting scouting, and offering a place where the youth of our community can grow in leadership and faith together. Learn more about GS Heart of NJ at www.qshnj.org. Learn more about BSA Troop 1969 at <https://stanton1969.mytroop.us/>

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
 To serve God and my country,
 To help people at all times,
 And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
 honest and fair,
 friendly and helpful,
 considerate and caring,
 courageous and strong, and
 responsible for what I say and do,
 and to
 respect myself and others,
 respect authority,
 use resources wisely,
 make the world a better place, and
 be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Boy Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Boy Scout Law

A Scout is:
 TRUSTWORTHY. LOYAL. HELPFUL.
 FRIENDLY. COURTEOUS. KIND.
 OBEDIENT. CHEERFUL. THRIFTY.
 BRAVE. CLEAN. REVERENT.

