

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAYREADER for this week is Barbara Braithwaite.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Wendy Lichty, Emma Menio and Soomie Santana.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Sonya Cole in memory of Horace.

DEACON for the month of July is MaryAnne Gilbert.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour after worship in Lounge
Monday ~ Independence Day – Church Closed
Tuesday ~ 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday ~ Walk & Talk, 1:00 p.m.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

July 3, 2022
Communion Sunday

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Let Freedom Ring”

BY DENNIS JERNIGAN

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

P: but Christ who chose us,

L: That we are not here because of our goodness

P: but because of Christ’s grace,

L: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

P: but to allow Christ to enlighten us.

L: That we have not come to be entertained

All: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength. Let us worship God together!

*HYMN NO. 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, Your love is more splendid than purple mountain majesties. Your word of grace fills the spacious skies. The amber waves of grain remind us of Your abundant care. Above the fruited plain is Your eternal joy. In every nation and every heart, You are working things for good. Let our songs rise and may we praise You from sea to shining sea. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, who gives us all good gifts: Gifts of life, love and relationships; gifts of work and leisure, effort and rest; and, most of all, gifts of Your Son and our salvation, Your Spirit’s presence and power. You do all things well. By Your love and strength You work all things together for the good of those who love You. You are holy and You are loving. However, we’re but a slight reflection of You; and sometimes more a shadow than Your image. While Your goodness seeks to bless others, ours is on a constant quest to bless ourselves. While Your strength strives to create life and hope, ours is, too often, the source of destruction to both. We are neither holy nor loving except in that we wholly love ourselves rather than wholly loving You and others. Forgive us for what in us obscures Your image rather than displays it so that all can know You through us. Amen

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Patri

**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. Amen.**

THE PEACE

**L: The peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!**

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 14:1-2 (Pg. 170)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6:19-24 (Pg. 6)

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1-6 (Pg. 227)

**L: Word of God for the people of God
P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Sermon on the Amount”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 507

“Come to the Table of Grace”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(see insert)**

BENEDICTION

SENDING

HYMN NO. 337

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

POSTLUDE

“America the Beautiful”

ARR. CINDY BERRY