

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.

LAY READER for today is Ronni Charpentier.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Mikayla Charpentier, Geri Gower and Savior Gillard.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Sexton
Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Property & Finance Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m.
~ Youth Group Zoom meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Monday ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Church Closed

Bell rehearsals start up again on January 24th, following worship

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come before God as equal in God's sight. God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely. None of us are perfect and without blemish. Yet, God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness. We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm. Thanks be to God, who trusts us and pours abundant love on us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, when the world's political noise is turned up high, we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom and to focus on things that are worthy. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to your word and our hearts to your praise. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for us. We have turned to pleasing the crowd, rather than following Your example. And we wonder what went wrong. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to be open to your will for our lives. Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will. Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes. Remind us that we remain loyal to You when we reach out to others in compassion and peace. Merciful God, help us again, to be your faithful disciples, offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONGBOOK NO. 75

“When We Walk With the Lord”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 32:1-8, 19-24 (Pg. 78)

NEW TESTAMENT

John 12:36b-43 (Pg.107)

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (Pg. 178)

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

SERMON

“Pleasing the Crowd”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SENDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE