

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 Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Lois Swisher.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by

DEACON of the month is Kylee Vogel.

GREETERS for today are Chris and Gavin Vogel.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff
Sandra Rydell Judy Schreck Jim Hall
Phil Lawrence Debbie Prince Lisa Swanson

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Sami Carmella
Keith Karkut

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Nursery Attendant
Technology/Sexton

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
~ Congregational meeting following worship
Monday ~ Nexus deadline

New Office Hours

Starting immediately, the church office will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There will be no regular office hours on Fridays.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

January 29, 2023
Service for the Lord's Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

P: You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.

L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...

P: Who are we that you are mindful of us?

L: Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank You for creating us and loving us in a way that knows no limits.

P: We acknowledge You as Lord and praise You for all of creation.

L: Holy Spirit, we welcome You in this time of praise and worship.

ALL: Please, Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ that You are calling us to be as we worship You together today!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever loving and eternal God, source of the light that never sets and of the love that never fails. Life of our life, Father of our spirits; draw near to us, and by the remembrance of Your ancient mercies, and by the ministry of the Church, teach us and lead us nearer to You; by all our fears, by all our joys and sorrows, by life and death itself, teach us, and lead us nearer to You. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we want to be followers of Jesus, but we do not always want to follow Jesus. We struggle to accept our role in committing to being a disciple. We don’t even want to listen when the conversation turns toward darkness and death. We prefer to indulge ourselves rather than do Your good work in the world. We are eager to put down our crosses and cling tightly to our lives. We like to avoid change and uncomfortableness, but that is most often how You work in the world. We grasp worldly rewards even though they have failed us in the past. Holy and loving God, forgive all our thoughts and actions that would cause us to stray from becoming the disciples You call us to be.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

(Pg. 581 in red hymnal)

**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!**

HYMN NO. 719

“Come, Labor On”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:8-12 (Pg. 672)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 16:24-28 (Pg. 18)

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:3-10 (Pg. 236)

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

SERMON

“Discipleship”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

APOSTLES’ CREED

(Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

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.**

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

HYMN NO. 69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

POSTLUDE

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