

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 Sharon Laverdure.

GREETER today is Carol Hall.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week are Kylee Vogel and Karl Schrick.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Jenny and Dennis Collins.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Rich and Sharon Laverdure in honor of Rich's brother, Chuck's, wedding.

DEACON of the month is Carol Hall.

Church Elders

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

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Nicole Vogel
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Ed. class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour in the Lounge, following worship
~ Bell rehearsal after worship, in the Youth Room
~ Confirmation Class, 2:00 at Shawnee Church

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

February 27, 2022
Service for the Lord's Day
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" ARR. MARY MCDONALD

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

P: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

P: Lord, help us to work for you.

L: Lord, make us ready to serve.

ALL: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.

*HYMN #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

All glorious God, we give you thanks: in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. You chose us, before the world was made, to be Your holy people, without fault in Your sight. You adopted us as Your children. You have forgiven our sins. You have made known to us Your secret purpose, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us the Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance. All praise and glory be Yours. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord we come to You today seeking forgiveness for all the times we are afraid of the stranger, or we refuse the stranger, because we think our resources are just too meager. For the times we stereotype the stranger as enemy, as dangerous, as inferior somehow; For the times we are too busy trying to impress our guests—the times we think we are being hospitable, but instead serve only our own needs; For the times we miss the gift of the stranger, for the times we close our door in fear, for the times we miss Your face in the other, Lord, have mercy and forgive us. Amen

☞ 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 (please greet your neighbors, but remain in your pews)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What A Friend” ARR. FAYE LOPEZ
Piano Solo – Linda Schaller

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 21:8-20 (Pg. 17)*
NEW TESTAMENT *Luke 14:7-14 (Pg. 77)*
EPISTLE *James 2:1-13 (Pg. 229)*

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

SERMON “God’s Diversity and Inclusion” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

APOSTLES’ CREED (Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

THANKSGIVING, 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.

HYMN NO. 399 “God Welcomes All”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” ARR. AARON WILLIAMS