

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 Chris Neighbors.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week are Michael Delaney and Bianca Nava.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Bill Cramer to the Glory of God.

GREETER for today is Sandy Rydell.

### Church Elders

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

Today    ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
          ~ Fellowship Hour, following worship  
Tuesday    ~ Kid's Water Play Day!!! 2:00-4:00  
Wednesday    ~ Walk & Talk at Brodhead Creek Park, 1:00  
Thursday    ~ Sight & Sound trip to see Moses (meet at church at 7:30 am)  
Saturday    ~ Rain date for water play day

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(\*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

**July 9, 2023**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**All Services are Live-Streamed**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                                      "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"                                      ARR. CINDY BERRY

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Here we are Lord, your creatures standing before you.  
**P: Gathered together to praise you and worship you.**  
L: This is your day and we thank you for giving this day to all of us.  
**P: Help us to always remember that each day is a blessing and a gift from you for we are not owed anything from you.**  
L: Be with us in our midst and let us feel your breath upon our faces.  
**P: And hold us close to you each day of our lives. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear Lord, as we gather to meet this new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like You and to worship You in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank You for always going before us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Lord, Your word says love is patient and kind.

**P: But we confess the times when we have been impatient and unkind.**

L: Your word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast, and that it is not proud.

**P: But we confess that sometimes we have been envious, and boastful, and proud.**

L: Your word says that love is not rude, and that it is not self-seeking,

**P: But we confess that in many ways we have been inconsiderate of those around us, thinking only of ourselves.**

L: Your word tells us that love is not easily angered, and that it keeps no record of wrongs.

**P: But we confess how quickly we fly off the handle, and how carefully we keep score when we have been wronged.**

L: Your word says that love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**P: Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil, but to always rejoice in the truth of Your love. Protect us with Your love, Lord, and help us to choose the way of trusting You, putting our hope in You, and persevering in Your ways, knowing that love never fails, and that You never fail. 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

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

HYMN NO. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (Pg. 186)*

EPISTLE

*Romans 8:31-39 (Pg. 158)*

GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:19 (Pg. 20)*

L: Word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“He’s Got Your 6”

Ruth Gardiner

HYMN NO. 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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. AMEN.**

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. 629

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ARR. JERRY RAY