

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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November 27, 2022

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Breath of Heaven" ARR. MELODY BOBER

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The day is near. And so, we wait.

P: We wait with hope, for the brokenhearted to be healed, for the downtrodden to be lifted up.

L: We wait for the coming of the Christ child.

ALL: In this meantime, we will wait to hear more about our Advent journey, we will sing in the silence, we will light candles that stand against the darkness.

Advent Candle Lighting- The Emery family

*HYMN NO. 837 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and faithful God, You are near when I dismiss the holy. When I say no to Your call. Thanks be to You for Your patience, Your persevering grace, and second chances. O come, O come Emmanuel, strengthen me with the promise of Your steadfast presence and saving love, set my heart and step to Your righteousness end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you.

We confess that we have sinned.

P: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

L: When we make no room for your Son, Jesus Christ, but make so much room for practically everything under the sun;

P: When we follow shooting stars and squander our time in the courts of Power, Privilege and Opinion;

L: When we seek to attack or cut down those who challenge us to think or relate Differently;

P: When we sanitize your birth and overlook the poor, powerless and displaced;

L: When we sing sweet sentiments over Christ's birth, and fail to embrace Christ's call to costly discipleship;

ALL: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us. We renounce evil; We claim your love; We choose to be reconciled and to be your instruments of reconciliation; We commit to forgiving others as you 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

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

HYMN NO. 846

"Fight the Good Fight"

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Proverbs 3: 1-6 (Pg. 585)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Matthew 1:18-24, 2:13-14, 19-23 (Pg.1)*

EPISTLE *James 1: 2-8 (Pg. 228)*

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Joseph's Journey to Trust" Rev. Chuck Monts

HYMN (ON INSERT) "God Will Take Care of You"

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. 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

POSTLUDE "Take My Life" ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

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**adapted from Nathan Nettleton's Laughingbird website.

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 are Linda Schaller and Jenny Collins.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Dale Pedersen in honor of Christy's birthday.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

GREETERS for today is Sandy Rydell.

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 ~ Bell Choir rehearsal, 9:15 a.m.
~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
~ Youth Gathering at Christ Presbyterian of the Slate Belt, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Monday ~ 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 p.m.
~ Nexus deadline
Friday ~ K-Group, 1:00 p.m.

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