

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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All services are Live-Streamed

December 4, 2022

Service for the Lord's Day

Communion Sunday

Second Sunday in Advent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" ARR. MARY MCDONALD

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

P: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.

L: Get ready! The Lord is bringing us on a journey.

P: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with love.

L: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. .

All: Lord, prepare our lives to journey with You this Advent season. AMEN.

Advent Candle Lighting- The Falzone family

*HYMN NO. 634 "To God Be the Glory"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive Your message. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time and place Your ways in the forefront of our minds as we journey with Your faithful ones this Advent season. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Chosen One and Journey to Bethlehem" DON BESIG & NANCY PRICE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

An angel spoke to Mary: "Do not be afraid!" And yet, O Lord, we find ourselves paralyzed by fear of what we do not know. Forgive us of our sins, O Lord, and give us the faith of Mary to respond to your grace with lives of grateful praise. Let us hear the good news that she first heard: Light is breaking. Love is coming. The world is about to turn!

☞ **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. 508 "Come to the Table"

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Zephaniah 3: 14-17 (Pg. 877)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Luke 1:39-56 (Pg. 58)*

EPISTLE

1 John 4: 7-12 (Pg. 241)

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

SERMON

“An Angel's Message: Love is Coming” Rev. Karen Kinney

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(see insert)

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. 88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

POSTLUDE “The Holly and the Ivy” ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

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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 Jim Hall.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Mary Dressel and Ann Healy.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Rich and Sharon Laverdure in honor of their church family.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

GREETERS for today is Bonnie Miller.

Church Elders

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

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel Pastor
Jen Carmella Secretary
Linda Schaller Music Director
Sami Carmella Nursery Attendant
Keith Karkut Technology/Sexton

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
~ Bell rehearsal following worship