

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

55 Smith Street East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18301 570-421-5821

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday in Advent

Bolded words indicate where you may join in speaking.
*Those who are able are asked to stand.
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GREETERS.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP
O come, O come, Immanuel and be light for our darkness. Come be comfort for our grief, a guide for our path and a friend for our loneliness. Come be an oasis for our searching. Come Immanuel and restore our joy in You.

*HYMN NO. 213 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking Your joyous light.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE ~ JOY The Swanson Family

SPECIAL MUSIC “He Came Down”
Vocal Duet - Carole Emery and Mary Anne Gilbert

THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT *Luke 1:5-25 (Pg. 56)*

EPISTLE *James 1:2-4 (Pg. 228)*

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

SERMON “Rediscovering Joy In Our Discouragements”

*HYMN NO. 93 ”Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

SENDING

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

*POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us today. Members, friends and visitors are all invited to share in the ministries and activities of our congregation.

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 Lucas Swanson.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are David Braithwaite and Zoey Delaney.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Ron and Connie Powell.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by David and Barbara Braithwaite in loving memory of Dave’s parents, William and Onda Braithwaite.

Church Staff	
Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Bob Lee	Sexton
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

- Today
- ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.

~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

~ Session meeting, following worship

~ Bell rehearsal after service

~ Youth Zoom meeting, 6:30 p.m.