

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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December 18, 2022

Service for the Lord’s Day

Fourth Sunday in Advent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “What Child is This” ARR. MARY MCDONALD

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God’s mercies never come to an end.
P: They are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness, O God.
L: The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the souls that seek God.
P: It is good that we should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
All: Let us worship God!

Advent Candle Lighting- The Vogel family – Chris, Nicki, Kylee and Gavin

*HYMN NO. 137 “He Came Down”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Advent God, we journey with You, to Bethlehem’s stable and a new-born King, ears attuned to the song of angels, eyes alert for Bethlehem’s star. Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas, and the promise of a Savior. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly and God’s Best Gift” BY ROBERT LAU

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O eternal and gracious God, all year long we pursue power, money, and influence. Yet You come to us in the weakness of the manger. All season long we covet material gifts. Yet You alone offer us the only everlasting gift: Your Son, Jesus Christ, God with us. We confess to You our pride, our faithlessness, and our reluctance to accept Your grace. Help us to have faith in Your promises just as the biblical ancestors like Abraham, Moses, David, Mary, Joseph, and more had. Through the work of the Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us, heal us, correct us, and transform us. Then enable us to be still, to know Your presence, and to praise You. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. 105 “People, Look East”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT	<i>Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pg. 663)</i>
NEW TESTAMENT	<i>Luke 1:10-20 (Pg. 56)</i>
EPISTLE	<i>Hebrews 11:1-6 (Pg. 225)</i>

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

SERMON	“Journey To Faith”	Pastor Nicki
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HYMN NO. 42	“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”
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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. 106	“Prepare the Way, O Zion”
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POSTLUDE	“Glory in the Highest”	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 Carole Emery.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Zoey Delaney, Hollie Falzone and Bob Huffman.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Ron and Connie Powell.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Ron and Connie Powell in memory of loved ones.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

GREETERS for today is Amanda Denny.

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.

<u>Today</u>	~ Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m. ~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m. ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hour, following worship ~ The Great Cookie Exchange, following worship
<u>Saturday</u>	~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (with Communion),7:30 p.m.