

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.

LAYREADER for this week is Heather Barrett.

GREETER today is Colin Barrett.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Bobbie Long.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are John and Kathy Kauderer.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Linda Schaller in honor of son, Stephen’s, birthday.

DEACON for the month of January is Kylee Vogel.

Church Elders

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

Church Staff

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

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

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| <u>Today</u> | ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m. |
| | ~ Fellowship Hour after worship in Lounge |
| | ~ Session meeting, 11:15 a.m. |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | ~ Men’s Lunch, noon |

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East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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January 8, 2023
Epiphany Sunday
Service for the Lord’s Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Star light, star bright, a new star was seen that night.
P: They journeyed far, traveled light, knelt to worship the Lord of light.
L: Let us, too, worship the light.
All: As the light shines in us and through us, may we, today, become signs and witnesses that others too may come from near and far to worship.

*HYMN NO. 150

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord our God, Your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might be filled with joy. Guide our hearts and overwhelm us with joy as we seek to be more faithful disciples. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. And yet, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control or our own stories more compelling than the needs of others. We prohibit ourselves from getting to know others’ stories that can connect us because we do not see You in them. Even when we listen, we have a hidden agenda. Help us Lord to put agendas aside and open ourselves up to all of those You created that we might glorify and draw others to You. Amen.

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Patri
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!

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pg. 690)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Matthew 2:1-12 (Pg. 2)*

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:1-12 (Pg. 193)*

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

SERMON “The Stars Light” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 511 “Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

DEDICATION OF OFFERING
*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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(see insert)

THE NICENE CREED (Page 34 in Red Hymnal)

SENDING

HYMN NO. 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

POSTLUDE

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