

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 Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Jackie Flynn and Lisa Elliott.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Cort and Amy Huffman.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Tom and Bobbie Long in memory of the thirteen service members who lost their lives on August 26, 2021 in Afghanistan.

DEACON for the month of September is Bonnie Miller.

### Church Staff

Nicole Vogel  
Jen Carmella  
Linda Schaller  
Bob Lee  
Sami Carmella

Pastor  
Secretary  
Music Director  
Sexton  
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### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Monday ~ Labor Day – Church Closed

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(\*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

**September 5, 2021**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Service of the Lord's Day**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Here, at Your Table, Lord" ARR. MARK HAYES

### GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.  
**P: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**  
L: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.  
**P: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**  
L: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.  
**P: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**  
**ALL: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Guide.**

HYMN NO. 836

"Abide with Me"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today, and all days. As you abide in us, may we abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Genesis 2: 4-7 (Pg.2)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*John 15: 1-8 (Pg. 109)*

L: Word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

HOMILY

“How to Really Live”

Pastor Nicki

THE 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.**

**SENDING**

HYMN NO. 69

“Here I Am, Lord”

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

INVITATION

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Reign in Me”

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

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