

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 Rick Sanker.

GREETER today is MaryAnne Gilbert.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Charlotte Currie.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Felix and Margie Staffaroni and Rick and Becca Sanker.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Rich and Sharon Laverdure in honor of the family's October birthdays.

DEACON for the month of October is MaryAnne Gilbert.

### Church Elders

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

### Church Staff

Nicole Vogel  
Jen Carmella  
Linda Schaller  
Keith Karkut  
Sam Carmella

Pastor  
Secretary  
Music Director  
Technology/Sexton  
Nursery Attendant

### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Bell rehearsal, 9:15 a.m.  
~ **NO** choir rehearsal  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ **NO** bells after church  
~ Fellowship Hour after worship in Lounge  
~ Finance meeting, 11:15 a.m.  
~ Deacon's meeting, 11:15 a.m.  
Wednesday ~ Walk & Talk, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday ~ K-Group, 1:00 p.m.

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

**October 2, 2022**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**All Services are Live-Streamed**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”  
Bell Choir

ARR. MARTHA THOMPSON

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

**P: We gather with them in heart and mind.**

L: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**P: As part of that body we join in its unity.**

L: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**All: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed. Let us share God's bounty together and with all people**

\*HYMN NO. 756

“O God of Every Nation”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Heavenly One, Your reach extends to every person, every nation, offering grace, forgiveness, and hope. A saving embrace drawing us to You and each other. Make us Your children: grateful for a place at Your feast, humble before Your love and generosity, rejoicing in the beauty of each sibling, faithful in honoring and welcoming all, eager in sharing what we have found in You. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the Nations, we stand apart from You. We stand apart from each other We stand with our tribe, hiding behind walls, throwing our stones. Our divisions dishonor You. We harm instead of heal. You weep. We forget that You desire us to live out our communion with You. To live out Your ways in the world. Help us to be grateful for the sacrifice You made for us and live out the communion You exemplified for us. 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

*Psalm 37:1-9 (Pg. 510)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*Luke 22:14-20 (Pg. 86)*

EPISTLE

*Romans 12:1-16 (Pg. 161)*

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

SERMON

“Living Communion”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 510

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

**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. 340

“This Is My Song”

POSTLUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

BY SAMUEL WESLEY