

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Easter Sunday ~ April 4, 2021

PRELUDE "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Bell Choir

EASTER DECLARATION

**This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Christ is risen! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Roll away the stone of doubt. Remove the stopper on our emotions. Let our songs dance on the waves and our joy echo off the canyon walls. Let dead ends be turned into entrance ramps and dry deserts yield new bouquets. Christ is risen, just as he said. CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

HYMN NO. 246 "Christ is Alive!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, on the first day of the week you brought to birth, a new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings, so that we may share the good news of your liberating, life-giving power with all the world; through Christ our Savior, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Psalm 118: 1, 2, 14-24 (Pg. 565)*

NEW TESTAMENT *John 20: 1-18 (Pg. 114)*

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

HOMILY "Forward Movement" Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**PLEASE TUNE IN TO 93.9 FM ON YOUR RADIO DIAL
TO HEAR THIS SERVICE**

ALL MUSIC COPIED IN CHURCH BULLETIN IS COPIED UNDER C.C.L.I. LICENSE #1758142

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Bell rehearsal, 8:30 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Monday ~ Easter Monday, Church Closed

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.

THE DEACON for the month of April is Carole Emery.

FLOWERS are sponsored this week by Rich and Sharon Laverdure in honor of Easter and all our church family.

LAY READER for today is Carole Emery.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Lisa Swanson, Jen Carmella, Cole Wasylyk and Oscar Santana

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Sexton
Nursery Attendant