

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Easter Sunday ~ April 12, 2020

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

**Run from fear and darkness! Hope is on the move! Run to tell the world,
Christ is risen! Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death! We can proclaim
with great confidence that God's love rules. Christ is risen! CHRIST IS RISEN
INDEED!**

HYMN NO. 232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

EASTER PRAYER

**Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us
this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your
forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another and to the possibilities you have
in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now.
We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that
death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet
we confess that we, too often, have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and
ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words and actions, we have scorned
your love, diminished the lives of others and defaced your image in us. Father,
forgive us for Jesus' sake and enable us, by His resurrection power, to love no
longer for ourselves, but for Him, who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**L: Come into the light of God's love! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up
in victory! I know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding
you, leading you, comforting you. Be at peace. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

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

NEW TESTAMENT

John 20: 1-18 (Pg. 114)

SERMON

“Jesus is Alive”

Pastor Nicki

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

HYMN NO. 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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

L: We have seen the Lord this day! Now go into the world to spread this good news. Christ is Risen!

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Monday ~ Easter Monday, Church Closed

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Mike Silvoy	Sexton
Bill Mack	Sexton
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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 Bonnie Miller.

LAY READER for today is Carole Emery.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Esai Gillard, Kai Gillard, Will Charpentier, Greg Menio, Kelley Stuetz, Brielle Cecchini, Mike Silvoy and Elda McCoy.