

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.

LAY READER for today is Linda Schaller.

GREETERS for today is Barbara Braithwaite.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Will Charpentier, Greg Menio and Kelley Stuetz.

THE FLOWERS this week are given anonymously to the Glory of God and in thankfulness to Him: "A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering. Among the saints I lift my voice: to You, O God, I will rejoice." From Psalm 111.

DEACON of the month is Bonnie Miller.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Bell rehearsal after worship, in the Youth Room
~ Session meeting, following worship
~ Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday ~ Mission Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday ~ Men's Lunch, noon
~ Meal & Message, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday ~ Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 6:00 p.m.
Friday ~ Community Good Friday service @ First Presbyterian in Stroudsburg, 7:00 p.m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

April 10, 2022
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"The Palms"
Sung by the Choir

JEAN BAPTISTE FAURE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The journey has been long, and sometimes very difficult.
P: During this Lenten journey, we have seen miracles and mysteries.
L: Now the Lord comes to us in victory.
P: Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.
L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
P: Hosana in the Highest! Blessed is He!

*HYMN NO. 197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

THE WORD

*PRAYER OF THE PASSION

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross. That, united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise You with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen

*HYMN NO. 199

“Filled With Excitement”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We’ll sing “Hosanna” when everyone else is doing so, but we cower to the crowd following their lead on Good Friday. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to You, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics. We ask that You be patient with us as we seek to understand our own guilt and listen to the Spirit’s response. Amen

☞ **Moment for Silent Reflection** ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Patri

(Pg. 581 in red hymnal)

**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!**

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 27:1-31, 44-55

This will be an interactive scripture reading (see insert)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

HOMILY

“Listen Well”

Pastor Nicki

*HYMN NO. 446

“How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions”

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

PASTORAL PRAYER

*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

*HYMN NO. 219

“They Crucified My Lord”

POSTLUDE

“Cross of Jesus”

ARR. CHUCK SINCLAIR