

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.

GREETER for today is Amanda Denny.

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

THE FLOWERS this week are given Rick and Becca Sanker in memory of Becca’s dad’s passing.

Church Staff	
Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant
Keith Karkut	Sexton/Technology

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

<u>Today</u>	~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	~ Meal & Message, 6:00 p.m.at First Presbyterian Church in Stroudsburg
<u>Thursday</u>	~ Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 6:00 p.m. at ESPC
<u>Friday</u>	~ Community Good Friday Service, 7:00 at ESPC

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

**April 2, 2023**  
**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      “He Comes In the Name of The Lord”      ARR. LLOYD LARSON  
SUNG BY THE CHOIR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The journey has been long, and sometimes very difficult

**P: We hear ways new life might yet begin.**

L: Now the Lord comes to us in this new victorious way.

**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”

### \*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

### CHILDREN’S SERMON

\*HYMN NO. 199      “Filled With Excitement”

### 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!**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Carole Emery

THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT

*Matthew 21:1-11; 27:1-54*

This will be an interactive scripture reading (see insert)

L: Word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON “Were You There/When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” Arr. by Stephen DeCesare  
Sung by Carole Emery and MaryAnne Gilbert

\*HYMN NO. 198

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

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. 218

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

POSTLUDE

“What Wondrous Love is This”

ARR. CHUCK SINCLAIR