

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 Sharon Laverdure.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Scott Harrison, Brenda Bruce, Doris Schoonover, Ed Flory and Zach & Eli Cecchini.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Jack and Kathy Kauderer.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

January 3, 2021
2nd Sunday of Christmas
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, who chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, who destined us for adoption as children through Jesus, who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of grace and who calls us to worship this day. Let's worship this wonderful God together.

*HYMN NO. #110

“Love Has Come”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Awesome and amazing God, You go to the depths to love and the heights of caring for us. You sing to us in the beauty of each dawn. You walk with us each day. You bless us each evening and You hide us under Your wing each night. Awesome and amazing God, we give you praise for showing us Your love to all creation. Amen

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we confess that, too often, the ways of the world have been our ways. We have lingered at the altars of fear, greed, impatience and unkindness. Our actions have not been consistent with our words. We have sought salvation in unholy alliances and have brought division upon your world. Forgive us our sins and feed us with your grace that we might be a people redeemed and whole, dedicated to the way of Jesus with all our strength and all our minds and all our souls. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO. 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 139:1-16 (Pg. 577)

NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 1:3-14 (Pg. 192)

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

SERMON

“God’s Chosen People”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE