

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 Barbara Braithwaite.

GREETER for today is Carole Emery.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week are Jeff Gibbons, Keli Butera and Ed West.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in honor of her daughter-in-law, Dorothy’s birthday.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure   Rick Sanker   Ellie Buff  
Sandra Rydell   Ronni Charpentier   Judy Schreck  
Jim Hall   Phil Lawrence   Debbie Prince   Lisa Swanson

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Bob Lee	Sexton
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant
Keith Karkut	Technology

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u>	~ Adult Ed. class, 9:00 a.m. ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m. ~ Bell rehearsal after worship, in the Youth Room ~ Confirmation class, 2:00 in Delaware Water Gap
<u>Monday</u>	~ Nexus Deadline

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

January 23, 2022  
Service for the Lord’s Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “I Love to Tell the Story”                      WILLIAM FISCHER

GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise the Lord, who has shown us the wonders of his unfailing love;  
**P: and who, for the sake of his name, leads us and guides us.**  
L: In you, O Lord, we put our trust.  
**P: You are our God, and our lives are in Your hands.**  
L: We are Yours.  
**All: May the light of Your face shine on us as we celebrate together in Your presence! Amen.**

\*HYMN #610                      “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Mysterious God, You reveal Yourself in Jesus, Your Beloved Child who gives us a glimpse into Your glory and invites us to share in the unity of all that is Holy: the holiness that is You, Your creation, Your people, united in the Spirit that breaks through all boundaries of fear and injustice. Help us to hold to joy as we seek to know where You are calling us today. Amen**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you have moved and changed our lives in amazing ways, yet we have kept these stories to ourselves. We confess the times we have kept these stories to ourselves were out of fear of rejection and misunderstanding. You have sent us out into the world in Your name, but we prefer to stay safely behind. We are nervous, and unmotivated, and uncertain. We love to think about how You love us, but we are much more reluctant to show that love to others. It is especially hard to care for those who challenge, insult, or disrespect us. Strengthen us that we would live up to Your call to love even our enemies. Forgive us for our sins, these and all others, as we continue seeking to be Your good Word for the world. 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 (please greet your neighbors, but remain in your pews)

L: The peace of Christ be with you!  
**P: And also with you!**

HYMN NO. 754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of Your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT *Psalm 31:14-20 (Pg. 506)*

NEW TESTAMENT *John 17:14-24 (Pg. 111)*

EPISTLE *Romans 12:1-2 (Pg. 161)*

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

SERMON “The World’s Word” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 462 “I Love to Tell the Story”

APOSTLES’ CREED (Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

**SENDING**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

THANKSGIVING, 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.**

HYMN NO. 295 “Go to the World”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ISAAC WATTS