

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 Carole Emery.

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

THE FLOWERS are sponsored today by Linda Schaller in honor of her daughter-in-law, Dorothy's, birthday.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
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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.
~ Bell rehearsal immediately following service in Youth room
~ Youth Group Zoom meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Monday ~ Nexus Deadline

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Touched by love, moved by grace, captured by joy, we come to acknowledge the mysterious and wonderful ways of God. A snowstorm that quiets our hurry, a kind word that opens a heart, a beautiful sunrise that brings joy, the ordinary reveals the Holy and so we praise you today.

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*HYMN NO. 703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, open us to the depths of Your love hidden in the mystery of this week. Let us know Your comforting love through the comfort of others. Help us to find Your love in our lives and respond to it with praise.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful One, You know when we are afraid to love; You know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with Your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Infuse us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of the love with which You are. Amen

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

(on insert)

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 54:4-10 (Pg. 684)

NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 4:7-21(Pg. 241)

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

SERMON

“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

SENDING

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

*POSTLUDE