

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.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Dick McNally, Cort Huffman and Bill Cramer.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Ed and Anna Mae West.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Sandy Rydell in honor of those who give their time, talents and support to our church.

GREETER for today is Sharon Laverdure.

Church Elders

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

Church Staff

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

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u>	~ No Choir rehearsal ~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m. ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hour, chili and/or sandwiches for Fellowship! ~ Session meeting, following worship ~ Inspararity Dialogues, 7:00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	~ Women’ Circle, 1:00 p.m.

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East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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February 12, 2023
Service for the Lord’s Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Shout to the Lord” DARLENE ZSCHECH

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
P: to be God’s servants in the service of all,
L: to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table,
P: to join Christ in his passion and victory.
L: “Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God.”
P: All who love are born of God and know God.
ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 708 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, Giver of every good and perfect gift. It is your great grace that offers us salvation. It is grace upon grace that gives us the chance to join You in your saving work. You trust us that much. You empower us that far. Reveal our spiritual gifts. Reveal our calling in this time and place so we may fulfill it together, so we may fulfill it for the common good, so we may honor You and one another. Holy One, use us for Your glory, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord – You are good ...and Your goodness knows no bounds. When we were lost, You sought us out, found us and brought us home. When we were alone, You came near to us and You gave us a new circle of friends and family. Each breath we take, each sunrise we see, each heartbeat we feel and each song we sing or hear – All are gifts from You. Yet, we’ve grown complacent in Your blessings: Taking them for granted, rather than as signs of Your grace; Keeping them for ourselves, rather than using them to bless others. Forgive our selfish hearts and closed fists. Forgive our rush to shrug off our responsibilities to care for those in need. Forgive us for what we’re too embarrassed to name out loud. 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!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Near to the Heart of God” ARR. MARY MCDONALD
Linda Schaller - Piano Solo

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 41:8-13 (Pg. 669)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Matthew 25:31-45 (Pg. 29)*

EPISTLE *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (Pg. 207)*

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

SERMON “Responsible Disciples” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 740 “Lead Me, Guide Me”

APOSTLE’S CREED (pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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. 697 “Take My Life” VERSES 1,2,4,6

POSTLUDE “Sing to the King” ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST
(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)