

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 Julia Delaney and Stephen Healy.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Hollie Falzone in honor of her father, Robert Montgomery and her mother-in-law, Sarah Falzone, both who have birthdays this month.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Sexton
Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ NO Adult Education Class, this week or next
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~Bell rehearsal after worship, in the Youth Room

ALL MUSIC COPIED IN CHURCH BULLETIN IS COPIED UNDER C.C.L.I. LICENSE #1758142

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

55 Smith Street East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 570-421-5821
(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

March 14, 2021
4th Sunday in Lent
Service for the Lord’s Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Friends of God, believe this – God loved the world, God loves the world and we are the beloved!
P: May the truth of this great love story shone through our worship today and renew our faith.
L: So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements; come with you doubts, your fears and your longings; come to discover, yet again, how Jesus reveals God’s love and mercy.
P: Friends of God, let us worship!

*HYMN NO. 215 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, fill us with your peace and assurance on this Sabbath. Enable us to hear your Word, since we have been bombarded by many messages. Give us the sight to see you, since we have been overwhelmed with hopeless images. Inspire us to abide and trust in you, since so many things this week have competed for that trust. Anchor our hearts and minds in you this morning. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don’t get us there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain the it isn’t enough. When our bad attitude and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ, our Savior. We pray. Amen.
*(prayer by Amy Loving)

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Numbers 21: 4-9 (Pg. 139)*

GOSPEL *John 3: 14-21 (Pg. 94)*

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

SERMON “Look Upon Him and Live!” Janine Carambot Santoro

HYMN NO. 774 “There Is Now A New Creation”

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