

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.

GREETERS for today are Rick and Becca Sanker.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Quentin Currie and Jack Kauderer.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in honor of granddaughter, Emily's, birthday.

DEACON of the month is Carole Emery.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Ed. class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour in the Lounge, following worship
~ Bell rehearsal after worship, in the Sanctuary
~ Confirmation Class, 2:00 @ Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt

Monday ~ Nexus deadline

Wednesday ~ Meal & Message, 6:00 p.m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

March 27, 2022
4th Sunday in Lent
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ARR. WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Walking on the path, following Jesus.
P: Sometimes there is joy in our step, sometimes we are not sure...
L: What may lie ahead?
P: Hosanas or angry crowds?
L: A prayerful garden or a stark cross?
P: A holy meal or an empty place at the table?
L: Journeying toward through Lent,
ALL: Please walk with us, Jesus.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Understanding and compassionate God, so often the words or our mouths and the meditations of our hearts do not seem acceptable in Your sight. There is much about us we find unacceptable. As we come to this place, grant to us eyes to see through the lens of Your surpassing love, the new creations of Your grace that we are. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sins against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in Your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security. We abandon the hungry, sick and dying, and pursue wealth for ourselves. Even so, You love us still. There is forgiveness with you! Therefore, we worship You and You alone, O Lord who saves us from death and redeems us from all our sin. May we always recall this forgiveness in all our days. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

(Pg. 581 in red hymnal)

*THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

FRANCES CALLAHAN

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 45:1-7 (Pg. 42)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 26:26-30 (Pg.30)

EPISTLE

1 John 1:5-2:2 (Pg. 238)

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

SERMON

“But the Spirit Says . . .”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 445

“God, How Can We Forgive”

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. 353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Take My Life”

ARR. CAROL TORNUQUIST