

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 Pastor Nicole Vogel and John Cecchini.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this month are Karl and Cindy Schrick.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Sandy Rydell in memory of her husband, Ernest.

DEACON of the month is Carole Emery.

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 ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ No Bell rehearsal this week

Monday ~ Nexus deadline
~ Technology Committee meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

April 25, 2021
4th Sunday in Easter
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“People Need the Lord”

BY PHIL MCHUGH

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines, let's praise God together! For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes and providing what we need. Let's praise God together!

*HYMN NO. 829

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be light in a shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory and be moved to serve you. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice, we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and light of Jesus Christ into our world.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO. 192

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 42:5-9 (Pg. 670)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5:13-16 (Pg. 4)

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2-10 (Pg. 233)

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

SERMON

Sermon Series Part 3: “Called to Light”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

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

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

BY ISSAC WATTS