

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.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Pastor Nicki, John Cecchini, Luke Falzone and Troy Wasylyk.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Karl and Cindy Schrick.

Church Staff	
Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Mike Silvoy	Sexton
Bill Mack	Sexton
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

April 26, 2020
3rd Sunday of Easter
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don’t see them. Our fears and our prejudices blind us. Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord. Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings. Hallelujah!

*HYMN NO. 458 “Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have given yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have his example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to you. Remind us this day of your presence. Remind us that you are always near. Guide our lives to truly experience You. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes our hearts ache within us, O Lord. Like those travelers on the Emmaus road, we feel the deep sadness about losing Jesus. Our sadness finds its roots in many things and we feel as though we cannot escape it. It becomes part and parcel of our conversations. Deep within, our spirits long for release and we silently cry. Forgive us when we close our eyes to your presence. Heal our brokenness. Bind up our wounds. Place us on the path of healing and help us to be people who will bring compassionate caring to others, for we ask these things In Jesus’ name. Amen.

✠ Moment for Silent Reflection ✠

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

PSALTER

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (Pg. 564)

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 24:13-35 (Pg. 90)

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-23 (Pg. 232)

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

SERMON

“Knowing vs. Experiencing Christ”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 182

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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