

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.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Jen Carmella in honor of her daughter, Samantha's birthday.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

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### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship  
Monday ~ Nexus deadline

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(\*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

**June 26, 2022**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**GATHERING**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN NO. 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

verses 1,2

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Dear Lord, help us remember what a difference it makes when we make time with you a priority in our morning. Awaken us in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with you and to hear you speak words of affirmation, assurance and wisdom over our hearts as we prepare to go into our day. In Jesus' Name, Amen**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. 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!**

HYMN NO. 829

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8 (Pg. 866)*

EPISTLE

*2 Thessalonians 1: 3-1 (Pg. 206)*

GOSPEL

*Matthew 3: 1-10 (Pg. 2)*

**L: Word of God for the people of God**

**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

**"Open the Gates of Hell or Fling Wide the Door of Mercy"**

**Ruth Gardiner**

HYMN NO. 438

**"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

APOSTLES' CREED

(Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

**SENDING**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

**As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you, our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

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

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**verse 3**

POSTLUDE