

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.

LAYREADER for this week is Karl Schrick.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Sharon Laverdure, Kyle Kintz, Barbara Braithwaite, Anna Mae West, Bill Ellis and Kathy Mattern.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by David and Barbara Braithwaite in honor of her parents, Morris and Geraldine Blivin.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
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Mike Silvoy
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
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Music Director
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Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Property and Finance Committee meeting, following worship.
Monday ~ Youth Group meeting via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

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**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania**

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

July 19, 2020
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ we are made new and filled with hope. In God we belong to a new community, discovering we are friends, sisters and brothers in Christ. In Christ the old ways lose their appeal, for we have turned to a new light. In the Triune God we receive a new call. We are God's beloved and we carry on the ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation. Praise be to God for calling us together to celebrate all that God does and continues to do through us.

*HYMN NO. 445

“God, How Can We Forgive”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, in my distress I go around in circles and my mouth feels bitter. I can't get my worries out of my head. My soul seems as heavy as lead. Now is the time for me to focus on You, to have hope and be positive. For Your love is never ending and Your forgiving grace knows no limit. Your mercies are new each morning, so wonderful is Your faithfulness. God, You are good and there is nothing better than to wait quietly and bask in the salvation of God, faithfully.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is said that confession is good for the soul, but there are times, O Lord, when we just don't want to confess, we don't want to own up to the many ways in which we have failed to be Your faithful disciples. We have turned our backs on those in need. We have worried more what others would think than what You would think. But You know us far too well. You know what is within our hearts and our spirits. You seek the very best for us that we might grow to be fruitful plants in your garden. Forgive us when we have failed to love, forgive and treat others with respect and compassion. Turn our hearts back toward You, who always reaches out to us offering healing and love. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 103:8-14 (Pg. 554)

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 6:27-38 (Pg. 64)

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:19-25 (Pg. 233)

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

SERMON

“Forgiveness Series-Part 2”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 634

“To God Be the Glory”

SENDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE 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