

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 Callie Falzone.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Lisa Menio, Caius Demerest, Wendy Emery, Jean Warner and MaryAnne Gilbert.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Quentin and Charlotte Currie.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Jack and Kathy Kauderer in honor of their grandchildren.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

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Music Director
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Session meeting, following worship
Thursday ~ Finding Common Ground, 6:30 p.m.
Click on the Link and Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqd-uupjIsEtxeh9c3Jk_GNI0VfB9YHULb

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

August 8, 2021
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" ARR. WILLIAM RINGHAM

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Weed and seeds, growing together.

P: Each can influence the other.

L: What will be gained from seeds?

**P: Inside each one of us is a special person, waiting to be nurtured to wholeness.
Each seed is unique; each has its own gifts to offer.**

L: In God's garden, God's love extends to all.

**P: God, keep us mindful of those You also love, who are different than us as we
worship you today and every day. AMEN.**

*HYMN NO. 815

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of surprises, we come here from the weariness of the week, from various triumphs, from fears and doubts. Open our hearts to receive your surprising message of hope for all people, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You plant each of us like seeds in the same field and, together, we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be. Forgive us when we deprive others of that same opportunity, uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field, label others as good or bad, rather than accept them for who they are. Forgive us when we are reluctant to acknowledge we are all a part of Your beautiful garden. So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO. 315

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 2:1-10 (Pg. 454)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 13:24-30 (Pg. 14)

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

SERMON

“Bad and Good”

PASTOR NICKI

HYMN NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

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

“Days of Elijah”

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST