

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 Ron Charpentier.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES this week are Mark and Wendy Lichty and Sarah and Patrick Robinson.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Wendy Lichty in honor of her anniversary!

### Church Staff

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

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Bell choir rehearsal after service  
Monday ~ Nexus deadline

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

**August 23, 2020**  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**GATHERING**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. We belong to God. When we feel overwhelmed, God is on our side. When we are afraid, God will keep us safe. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Blessed be the Lord!**

\*HYMN NO. 446

“How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord, be with us today as we come to You from all life's circumstances. Give us courage and strength and fill us with Your love and grace that we may serve You effectively and fully. AMEN.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of infinite mercy and love, we come before You this day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to what You would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries. Forgive us, O Lord. We know that You do not want us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions. We make no excuses, for none would suffice. We ask Your forgiveness and blessing, turning us again around and placing us on the path of compassion and peace. Remind us of Your loving forgiveness that we may live as those who have been forgiven. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

**☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC

**"How Great Thou Art"** ARR. REBECCA BELLISTON  
Vocal Duet: Carole Emery and MaryAnne Gilbert

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Psalm 32:1-7 (Pg. 506)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*Matthew 26:26-30 (Pg. 30)*

EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pg. 181)*

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

SERMON

**"Forgiveness Series-Part 7"**

**Pastor Nicki**

HYMN NO. 442

**"Just as I Am, without One Plea"**

**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