

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 Lucas Swanson.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Theresa Lawrence, Karen Padgett, Bonnie Miller and Nancy Creveling.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Sarah and Patrick Robinson.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in honor of grandson, Hunter's birthday.

DEACON of the month is Margie Staffaroni.

GREETER for today is

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff
Sandra Rydell Judy Schreck Jim Hall
Phil Lawrence Debbie Prince Lisa Swanson

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Sami Carmella
Keith Karkut

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Nursery Attendant
Technology

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m. (Outdoor Service)
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
Friday ~ K-Group, 1:00 p.m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

August 28, 2022

Service for the Lord's Day

Outdoor Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Children of the Heavenly Father" ARR. KENON RENFROW

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage

P: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

L: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

P: Let us worship together, every generation.

L: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

P: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

L: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

ALL: Let us worship together and bless each other today!

*HYMN NO. 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who came as a child to show us how to be fully human, to show us how to be children of God. We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for Your blessings upon the children, the educators and the families who support them all. But in this celebration of education and learning, we do not forget there are children and families and teachers who do not have the resources they need. Today we remember those who are in need this school year and ask that You use us to bless them. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to Your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, You have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve You. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to You and to all people. Help us to bless others as You have blessed us. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as You intend it, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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. 31

“Let Us With a Gladsome Mind”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 37:23-27 (Pg. 511)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5:13-16 (Pg. 4)

EPISTLE

James 1:16-18, 22-25 (Pg. 229)

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

SERMON

“A Living Blessing”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

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

HYMN NO. 295

“Go To the World!”

DISTRIBUTION OF BACKPACKS

POSTLUDE

“A Shelter in the Time of Storm”

ARR. JENIFER COOK