

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 Sharon Laverdure.

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

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Sexton
Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Monday ~ Nexus deadline
Tuesday ~ Hybrid 5-7 Year Planning Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

August 29, 2021

Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" ARR. MARK HAYES

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Though the mountains may shake,
P: We are standing on holy ground.
L: Though the earth moves under our feet,
P: Christ alone is our solid rock.
L: Though structures may come tumbling down,
P: God is our stronghold, strength and guide.
Let us give praise to God who remains the same always.

*HYMN NO. 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

verses 1,2 & 5

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. AMEN.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have been wandering, lost, not only on the highways, but on the journey to our true selves. We have been carried away by the false teachings of this world. We have tried that which does not last and followed that which goes nowhere. Persistent unchanging God, You love us beyond what is reasonable. You continue to call us to closeness with you, even when we frequently stray. You search for us in all season of life and hold out your hand to us. Ever forgiving God, open our eyes and let us see the way back to You. Amen.

☞ **Moment for Silent Reflection** ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO. 803

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 23:13-19 (Pg. 142)

GOSPEL

John 7:25-29 (Pg. 100)

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1-9 (Pg. 227)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“God Remains”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

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

“Immortal, Invisible”

ARR. WALTER SMITH