

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 Barbara Braithwaite.

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

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Linda Schaller in honor of her grandson, Hunter's, birthday!

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Mike Silvoy
Bob Lee
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Pastor
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Music Director
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

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

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

August 30, 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us. Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others. Help us to be ready to listen and slow to react in anger. Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people. Keep our hearts and spirits ready to serve You. Open our hearts to hear and respond to Your words of life in ministries of hope and peace.

*HYMN NO. 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear Your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by Your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, You know our hearts and You know our lives. We confess to You that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to You our part in those things. We confess that we are too often quick to speak and slow to listen. In humility and hope, we ask for Your help to do better, to listen, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love You and our neighbors and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 2:2; 18:2-3; 19:27 (Pg. 585)

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 2:41-52 (Pg. 59)

EPISTLE

James 1:19-27 (Pg. 229)

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

SERMON

“Listening Before We Speak”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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