

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 Carole Emery.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Cindy Schrick, Anna Dressel, Reese Wasyluk, Rebecca Sanker, Ellie Buff, Hayden Huffman and Dale Pedersen.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Richard and Sharon Laverdure.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Rich and Sharon Laverdure in honor of their anniversary.

DEACON of the month is Wendy Lichty.

GREETER for today is Wendy Lichty.

### Church Elders

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

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

Today ~ Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Bell rehearsal following worship in Youth Room  
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

**September 18, 2022**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**All Services are Live-Streamed**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Merciful God" ARR. FAYE LOPEZ

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We celebrate You, Creator of all good things.

**P: God of wonder, we come together as a community of faith.**

L: We worship You, Savior and Redeemer.

**P: God of love, we come together as a community of faith.**

L: We feel your presence, Spirit of truth and knowledge.

**P: God of wisdom, we come together as a community of faith.**

**ALL: Bless our time together as we worship You in faith and thanksgiving. Celebrating the opportunity to grow in our understanding of You!**

\*HYMN NO. 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you have created us as human beings who mature from infancy, through childhood and adolescence into adulthood. We lift up all who move this day into new classes for learning and spiritual growth. We pray for all the congregation's classes and groups in which we mature in faith. Keep each child, youth and adult in your care. And keep us ever mindful of the promise we make each time we baptize another in faith: That we will assist one another to grow in knowledge, in spiritual practices, and in living as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we realize that You know us more intimately than we know ourselves. We come before You now asking You to show us our sin, to make us aware of our failings, to open our eyes to our brokenness. We are wandering sheep that have gone our own way. We need Your wisdom and guidance to show us the path of truth and life, for we are lost without Your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our troubled thoughts. Help us to grow in the knowledge of Your wisdom and Your ways. Give us true repentance that only comes from You. Do Your transforming work in us so that we can live as Your redeemed people in the world. In Jesus' Name we pray. 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!**

CHOIR ANTHEM

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

ARR. STAN PETHEL

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 14:24-27 (Pg. 644)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*John 4:5-24 (Pg. 94)*

EPISTLE

*Romans 8:24-28 (Pg.158)*

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

SERMON

**"Infinite Intelligence"**

**Pastor Nicki**

HYMN NO. 41

**"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"**

APOSTLES' CREED

(pg. 35 in red hymnal)

**SENDING**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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 BLESSING

HYMN NO. 716

**"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

POSTLUDE

**"How Majestic Is Thy Name"**

ARR. KENON RENFROW