

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 Debbie Prince.

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

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Sharon and Rich Laverdure.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Rich and Sharon Laverdure.

DEACON of the month is Bonnie Miller.

### 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.  
~ Deacon's meeting, following worship  
Friday ~ K-Group, 1:00 in the Lounge  
Saturday ~ ESU Recovery Walk

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

**September 19, 2021**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "This Is My Father's World" MUSIC BY FRANKLIN SHEPPARD

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God our Creator,  
**P: we rejoice in the life of Your world.**  
L: Jesus our Redeemer,  
**P: we rejoice in the new life You offer.**  
L: Holy Spirit our guide,  
**P: we rejoice in Your life-giving companionship.**  
**ALL: May all our rejoicing bring praise and glory to You!**

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\*HYMN (on insert)

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God, we celebrate the new life which You have given us. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds healed over and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision. With gratitude we embrace the purpose and possibilities You have placed before us. Help us to move joyfully into a future that more fully points to Your love and justice. Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them. We could welcome those we do not know, but choose to close our hearts. We could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques. Forgive us, Genuine Love, for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives until we learn to clasp Your goodness to our hearts, so we can give it away to those around us. Whisper Your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop cursing our enemies, and bless them as our friends. Smooth the rough edges of our arrogance, until we become polished enough to win the gold in being honorable. Then, we would put aside our stumbling blocks to discipleship, so we can follow Jesus our Lord and Savior, as he leads us to Your way of life. Amen.**

**☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO. 300      “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (Pg. 616)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*Romans 12:9-21 (Pg. 162)*

L: Word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Great Example”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**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

“Awesome God”

BY RICH MULLINS