

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 A BIRTHDAY this week is Jacob Santana.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in honor of her mother, Ruth Moore's, birthday.

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

**Church Staff**

Nicole Vogel  
Jen Carmella  
Linda Schaller  
Sami Carmella  
Keith Karkut

Pastor  
Secretary  
Music Director  
Nursery Attendant  
Technology/Sexton

**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  
Monday ~ 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 pm  
~ Nexus deadline  
Tuesday ~ Presbytery Assemble, 1:00 pm  
Wednesday ~ Walk & Talk, 1:00 pm

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania**

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

**September 25, 2022**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**All Services are Live-Streamed**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "This Is My Father's World" ARR. FRANKLIN SHEPPARD

**GATHERING**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, welcome!  
**P: Welcome to this place of love and grace.**  
L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.  
**P: God invites us all to be a part of the beloved community.**  
L: God invites us all to share the good news.  
**P: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**  
L: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

\*HYMN NO. 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**We know, Lord, that we are mere humans and cannot instruct You, but You Lord, can instruct us. So teach us Your ways that we may rely on Your faithfulness. Teach us to number our days and to use our time wisely. We don't know what this day holds, but we know that You hold the day.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord though You should guide us, we inform ourselves; though You should rule us, we control ourselves; though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are, of all people, most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with Your word, heal our divided wills with Your law, heal our troubled consciences with Your love, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. 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!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

**"I Am His and He Is Mine"**  
Piano Solo – Linda Schaller

ARR. CINDY BERRY

MINUTE FOR MISSION

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Zechariah 11: 12-13 (Pg. 886)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*Acts 26:16-18 (Pg. 147)*

GOSPEL

*I Peter 4:6 (Pg. 235)*

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

SERMON

"The Judas Defense"

Ruth Gardiner

HYMN NO. 442

"Just As I Am"

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 BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 756

"O God of Every Nation"

POSTLUDE

"Lord, Reign In Me"

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST