

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 Barbara Braithwaite.

GREETER for today is Margie Staffaroni.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Janice Delaney.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Bob and Lisa Elliott and Kyle and Daisha Kintz.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Sonya Cole as a thank you to our congregation for always providing when in need.

DEACON of the month is Margie Staffaroni.

### 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.  
~ Funeral for Walter Emery, 12:30 p.m.  
~ NO Bell rehearsal today

Friday ~ K-Group meeting, 1:00 in the Lounge

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

**October 17, 2021**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" MUSIC BY CHARLES CONVERSE

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: All you people, clap your hands: raise a joyful shout to God.

**P: For the Most High is awesome, glorious over all the earth.**

L: How good is it to give thanks, to sing in Your honor, most high God.

**P: To proclaim Your constant love every morning and Your faithfulness every night.**

L: To make music with stringed instruments and melodies on the harp.

**P: Your mighty deeds O God, make us glad; because of what You have done for us, we sing for joy!**

L: Sing your joy to the Creator, good people;

**ALL: We rejoice and worship You O Lord for Your faithfulness endures forever!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank You for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from You. We offer You thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones and all the gifts we have been given. May our worship today display our trust in Your faithfulness. Amen**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous God, You have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts, because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are clutching when we should be giving, hoarding when we should be generous, doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of putting our hope and trust in Your faithfulness. Open our hands and hearts to the bounty of Your love, which cares for the fields, the birds in the air, and all of Your creation. Give us again the assurance of Your love and care and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. 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!**

HYMN NO. 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of Your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT *Lamentations 3:19-24 (Pg. 766)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Mark 9:14-29 (Pg. 44)*

EPISTLE *Philippians 1:1-6 (Pg. 196)*

L: Word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Spiritual Tool, Hope" Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 42 "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"

APOSTLES' CREED (Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

**SENDING**

DEDICATION OF OFFERING- L: We dedicate our tithes and gifts, Lord, for the work of the church, and we ask You to use all that we have, and all that we are, in Your service. Amen.

THANKSGIVING, 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.**

HYMN NO. 465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "We Bow Down" ARR. TWILA PARKS