

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.

GREETER for today is Carole Emery.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week are Margie Staffaroni, Daisha Kintz, Kelli Burlingame, Crista Varrica, Mike Rosso and Sue Ellis.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Elda McCoy and Allan Erbe

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Rich and Sharon Laverdure in memory of loved ones.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella
Keith Karkut

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
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Nursery Attendant
Technology

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Ed. class, 9:00 in conference rooms 1 & 2
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour in the lounge following worship

Tuesday ~ Nexus deadline

Friday ~ Church Closed for New Year's Holiday

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

December 26, 2021 Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "There's a Song in the Air" ARR. KARL HARRINGTON

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is born!
P: Alleluia!
L: Jesus is among us!
P: Alleluia!
L: Shout with joy, give thanks and sing!
P: Christ is born!

*HYMN NO. 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

On this day, Gracious Lord, You come to us as Word, as Light, as Flesh. Teach us to know You so well that our lives may befriend this world You have made, in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it's only a day after the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us. We don't want to go there, just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel Your warmth in or lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find Your comforting, encouraging presence in our loves at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in Your name, 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

(please greet your neighbors, but remain in your pews)

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He Is Born, The Holy Child"
Linda Schaller, Piano

ARR. DAVID LANTZ III

*HYMN NO. 146

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52: 7-10 (Pg. 683)

NEW TESTAMENT

John 1: 1-14 (Pg. 91)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN SING

#132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
#143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
#147 "The First Nowell" (vs. 1-4)
#136 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

APOSTLES' CREED

(Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

ARR, VICTOR LABENSKE