

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 Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Margie Staffaroni, Daisha Kintz, Kelli Burlingame, Crista Varrica and Mike Rosso.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Elda McCoy and Allan Erbe.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by

### Church Staff

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

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday ~ Nexus deadline  
Friday ~ Happy New Year! Church Closed

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

**December 27, 2020**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**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!**

\*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 dew days 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 our love 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 lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. Amen.**

**☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**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

HYMN #134

“Joy to the World”

Congregation - (verse 1 & 4)

HYMN #121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Nicole & Kylee Vogel

HYMN #113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Emery Family

HYMN #115

“Away in a Manger”

Carole and Wendy Emery, MaryAnne Gilbert, Nicole and Kylee Vogel

HYMN #143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

The Emery Family, Nicole & Kylee Vogel

HYMN #147

“The First Nowell”

Congregation – (Verse 1 & 6)

**SENDING**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE