

Chimes
Prelude "Be Thou My Vision" Arr: Michael Larkin
Choral Introit "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (UMH #286)
words: Anon. Latin, trans. Paul Gerhardt/James Alexander; music: Hans Hassler, harm. J.S. Bach

Welcome Pastor Monica
*Call to Worship Pastor Margie

One: Behold the Messiah, mocked and forsaken.

Many: Come, let us trust and believe.

One: Behold the women at the foot of the cross.

Many: Come, let us weep and mourn.

One: Behold the rock-hewn tomb and the stone.

Many: Come, let us ponder and pray.

One: Behold the cross, the empire's instrument of death.

Many: Come, let us lament and enounce.

*Gospel Lesson Mark 14:32-50 Pastor Margie

*Hymn O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done (*verses 1 & 2*) 287

*Opening Prayer Pastor Margie

God of compassion, you grieve with us over suffering, torture, mockery and death. As we contemplate the injustice and tragedy of Christ's crucifixion, stir up in us a new commitment to the work of liberation and peace. Have mercy on our fallen world, just as you had on Christ and his accusers alike. By the cross of Christ, lead us into the way of salvation. Amen.

Voice from the shadows: Judas' Friend Jeremy Diehl

Choral Anthem "Vision of the Cross"
words: John Newton; music: trad. English tune, arr. Sean Paul conductor: Bob Riday.; pianist Gary Raish

Call to Offering Pastor Monica

Offertory "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Arr: Michael Larkin

*Presentation of Gifts "Doxology" 95

*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Liz

Suffering Redeemer, we bring these offerings with trembling hands, aware that they are mere tokens before the weight of the cross. And yet, even here, in sorrow and silence, you receive our gifts and turn them into healing. Take what we offer: our treasure, our time and our trembling faith. Use it to tell the story that still saves, to serve the ones you love, and to bear hope even in the shadow of death. We give, not to explain the mystery, but to live into it - until the story is told in full and grace has the final word. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson Mark 14:51-72 Pastor Liz

Voice from the shadows: Mary Kim Kopec

*Unison Prayer Pastor Liz

Holy God, we give you thanks for those who persisted in faithfulness, even at the foot of the cross: Simon and the centurion, Mary and Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea. May we remain faithful in the face of injustice, cruelty and grief. By your Spirit, sustain us in faith and inspire us to act with mercy, for the sake of Jesus, the crucified one. Amen.

Choral Anthem "Within the Shadow of the Cross"
words: Don Besig/Nancy Price; music: Don Besig
soloist: Nehemiah Stirton

*Gospel Lesson Mark 15:1-15 Pastor Margie

Voice from the shadows: Mary Magdalene Linda Post Bushkofsy

*Hymn "Were You There" (*verses 1, 2 & 4*) 288

Prayers of the People: Pastor Monica

One: My God, my God, Why? The words first on the psalmist's tongue, then on Jesus', now on our own. My God,

Many: My God, why? (*time for silence*)

One: Why such cruelty? Why the abuse of power? Why the closing of hearts and minds? My God,

Many: My God, why? (*time for silence*)

One: Why the violence? Why the lack of imagination? Why the giving in to our worst impulses? My God,

Many: My God, why? (*time for silence*)

One: Why do we betray one another? Why do we betray our truest selves? Why do we betray you? My God,

Many: My God, why? (*time for silence*)

One: We now invite you to share your own 'Why' questions with this community.

One: My God,

Many: My God, why?

One: Be near us, O God, we pray. Be near to all who mourn. Hold our grieving world in your heart as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "Were You There" (*verse 5*) 288

*Gospel Lesson Mark 15:16-39 Pastor Monica

Voice from the shadows: Centurion Aram Tchobanian

*Affirmation of Faith Pastor Liz

*Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" (*verses 1, 4 & 5*) 289

Meditation "Shadows" Pastor Monica/Pastor Liz

*Gospel Lesson Mark 15:40-47 Pastor Margie

*Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" 301

*Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica/Pastor Liz

*Choral Benediction Response "What Language Shall I Borrow?"
words: Anon. Latin, trans. Paul Gerhardt/James Alexander;
Music: Hans Hassler, harm. J.S. Bach

*Postlude "Lament" Arr: Catherine Rollin

*Rise in body or in spirit. **Bold Print = Say in unison.**

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VBS Save the dates: Vacation Bible School is coming! June 22nd- 26th from 5:30 pm - 8:00pm. More information will be forthcoming about organization and registration. For now, please save the date!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available in the Fellowship Room. Written by members of our congregation as well as Pastor Margie and Pastor Monica. This Window into the Life of Jesus is the perfect way to structure your Lent. If you need us to mail one, please contact the office. Devotions are also available daily on Facebook and Instagram.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Join us to clean up both inside and outside! We need people from 9:00 am to noon on April 25th to clean flower beds and wash windows, dust railings, and freshen the church for the new season! Come when you can, leave when you must. Thanks for helping us care for our church.

National Day of Prayer Join us on May 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Stroudsburg Courthouse Square as voices from various faith communities come together for a special evening of prayer and reflection. Our Pocono Interfaith Council welcomes people of all faiths.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Items for April: Small notepads.

Please bring your donations to the bin located in the Fellowship Room. Thank you!

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES

Stroudsburg UMC

Saturday, April 4th : Holy Saturday at 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 5th: Easter

Sunrise at 7:00 am, Courtyard

8:30 am and 11:00 am with Choir, Handbells, and Communion

St. John's ELC

Sunday, April 5th: Easter

Sunrise at 6:37 a.m., Courtyard

10:30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion

Please note the Church Office is closed on Monday, April 6th, Easter Monday.

THANK YOU to our choir directors, Aram Tchobanian, Bob Riday, Gary Raish, our musicians, including Jeanette Kuhns filling the bench, our choirs, soloists, our Altar Guilds, our Communion preparers, technology team, secretarial staff, custodial staff, those who care for fellowship and coffee, and all of those who have made preparations from both churches and through this holiest week, so we might worship together this Holy Weel. Thank you.

Connection Card
Welcome Members & Visitors!
Please let us know how we can help each other this week:

Name _____

Address _____

Email/Phone _____

Prayer requests, needs, comments:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC

Whether you are visiting with us or you are a member, **WELCOME!** Please fill out the "Connection Card" in your bulletin today and place it in the offering plate. Help yourself to a copy of our weekly eNews in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad that you are here today!

SERVING YOU THIS EVENING:

Head Usher: Jeremy Miller, Soundboard and PowerPoint: Felicity and Peter Guepet, Camera: , Streaming: Bella Kopec

Want to help in the Soup Kitchen? We have a few dates coming up where we are looking for a group to serve. Currently Available: **May 24 and July 5.** Please contact the office for more information or to sign up.

Mark your calendar for April 18th. Everyone is invited to a free fellowship meal on Saturday, April 18th at 5:00 pm. Come join your fellow church members for a time of good food and fellowship. To help us plan, please either sign up at the rear of the sanctuary or let the church office know you plan to attend. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Peggy Stewart (570-350-8589 or pegstewart59@gmail.com)

Support our youth! We have a number of students in the musical Pippin at Stroudsburg High School. Come and see the show: Friday, April 10th, and Saturday, April 11th, both at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 pm. Tickets and the show are at Stroudsburg High School.

Pancake Breakfast: Scout Troop 86 invites you to the Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 25th from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12, and free for children under 3. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or tea. Tickets available at the breakfast.

We cordially welcome each visitor, member and friend to our Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. We pray that God will touch your life through the worship and fellowship we share. If you would like to make Stroudsburg United Methodist YOUR church, please mention your interest to the Pastor at the end of the service.

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CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor	The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
Pastor of Visitation	Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
Church Secretary	Ashley Emerson
Choir Director	Aram Tchobanian
Organist	Marti Lantz
Custodian	Robert Medina

CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team	Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
Worship	Chairperson, Rev. Monica B. Guepet
Giving and Funding Committee	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
Property & Building	Chairperson, Kay Bucci
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Lay Leadership	Chairperson, Rev. Monica Guepet
Missions	Chairperson, Amanda Miller
Membership & Evangelism	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
History Committee	Chairperson, B.J. Bachman
Co-Lay Leaders	Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller

Church Office Hours - Monday - Thursday, 9am-4:30pm; Friday 9am-3pm

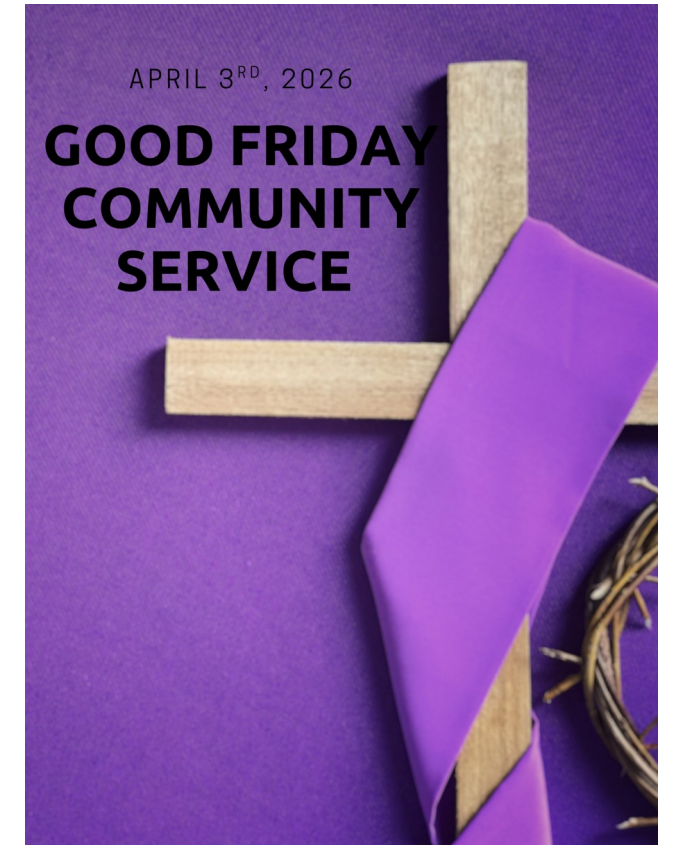
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Giving is easier than ever. Use this QR code to give to the general fund or special ministry. Contact the office for more information.



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Stroudsburg, PA
The Worship of God
April 3, 2026
Good Friday Community Service



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Our Mission

Share the love of Jesus in
welcoming & compassionate ways.

Would you like to receive our weekly eNews?

Email address _____

How did you learn about our church?

Friend/Family Internet/Website

Other

What I/we look for in a church _____

Please circle your age group: 18-23 24-35 36-49 50-64 65+