

Chimes
Prelude “Nocturne No. 14 in F minor” Dennis Alexander
Alex Webster

Choral Introit (11:00) “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
Trad. African-American Spiritual, arr. William Farley Smith

Welcome Pastor Monica

Announcements Diane Rogell/Kathy Burnett

*Hymn “When We Are Tested” Ruth C. Duck/Daniel Charles Damon

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 91) Diane Rogell/Kathy Burnett

One: We who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Many: Let us call to God: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

One: When we made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge comes near your tent.
Many: God’s angels will guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

One: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.
Many: God grants us life abundant.

*Unison Prayer Diane Rogell/Kathy Burnett
God of deliverance and freedom, you taught the people of Israel to acknowledge that all things come from your bountiful hand. Deepen our faith so that we may resist temptation and, in the midst of trial, proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, now and for ever. Amen.

Special Music (8:30) “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Arr. Lloyd Larson
Sung by: Aram Tchobanian

Blessing of Stitch & Pray Items Pastor Monica

Sharing Joys and Concerns Pastor Monica

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Monica

Choral Anthem (11:00) “A Lenten Meditation”
Words: Thomas B. Pollock; Music: Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Offering Pastor Monica

Offertory “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Arr. Victor Labenske

*Presentation of Gifts “Doxology” 95

*Prayer of Dedication Diane Rogell/Kathy Burnett
Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. Strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.
Amen.

New Testament Lesson Acts 20:7-12 Diane Rogell/Kathy Burnett

*Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13 Diane Rogell/Kathy Burnett

Children’s Message Pastor Monica

Praise Song “I Will Trust in the Lord” Afro-American Spiritual
with Vin Zelizo and Alex Webster

This Week's Schedule

Today The First Sunday of Lent
8:30 & 11:00am Worship
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sunday School - Children through Adult
12:15pm Coffee with the Pastor
2:00pm Soup Kitchen

Monday 10:00am Pastors Meeting

Tuesday 9:00am Normalizing Next
1:30pm Just Social
6:30pm Property & Building Team Meeting

Wednesday 10:15am Bible Study
11:15am Worship Planning
12:00pm Open Sanctuary
12:15pm Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and
in the Sanctuary
1:00pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Lenten Service at East Stroudsburg UMC

Thursday 10:00am History Committee
3:00pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Lenten Study-Lounge
7:00pm Giving and Funding Committee Meeting
7:00pm Scouts

Saturday 9:00am Tools for Ministry - Asbury UMC
Marti - Spring Festival
Scott Besser - Spring Festival

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Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops Todd Martin Joyce Leida Sherry Lombardi
First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters Prayer Mailboxes

Special Persons of the Week: Romaine and Ron Van Why, 2203 West Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Please remember them in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

Sermon “I am Tested!” Pastor Monica
(I want my listeners to watch for times when they have been tested and depend on the saving grace of God.)

*Hymn “To God Be the Glory” 98

*Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction Response (11:00) “When We Face Temptation’s Power”
Words: Herman Stuempfle; Music: Thomas J. Williams

*Postlude “Classical Postlude” Robert J. Hughes

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

SOUP KITCHEN Pitch in with your family or a few friends to serve our neighbors. Sign up to prepare and/or serve a meal for our neighbors with the soup kitchen. **We are filling in the 2025 calendar. Please contact Jackie in the office with your interest and availability to serve.**

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Items for Christmas Stockings - this month’s items are travel size shampoo and conditioner. Please bring your donations in and place them in the bin located in the Fellowship Room near the Missions display. Thank you!

LENTEN SERVICES - Please see the schedule in your bulletin insert. We are hosting the Lenten service on March 19th. We will have refreshments and finger foods available after. Please let the church office know if you are available to bring fruits, veggies, snacks, etc. Thank you!

IFTAR DINNER: Join us on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:10 pm. Our neighbors at the Chestnut Retreat Center will be breaking their fast during the month of Ramadan (a set-aside time of prayer and devotion). They visit different places to do so after fasting from sun up to sun down. They will provide the food (main dish, salad, dessert, and beverages), and we provide the space. Please join us in the Fellowship Room as they share with us. Please feel free to invite a friend for this educational experience.

LENTEN MISSIONS BOXES Lenten boxes are included in the Lenten bags or you can pick one up from the back of the sanctuary. This year, we are supporting the efforts of Monroe County Habitat for Humanity. In addition to rehabilitating homes in need, they run the Re-Store with donated home items at low cost and collaborate with other agencies to work on housing for all those in our area. I have a vision that every new homeowner working under casework can cover the cost of essential household items with a grant from the churches. Help us realize that vision by caring for our neighbors.

EASTER LILIES Order forms for Easter lilies are in the back of the sanctuary. Lilies are \$12.00 each. Make checks payable to SUMC and note for Easter lily in the memo portion of your check. Please order by March 30th.

COATS FOR PALM SUNDAY Do you have an extra coat? Have you ever noticed that the townspeople laid out their coats for Jesus and the donkey as he entered the city? Offer one of your coats to share with someone else to care for Jesus. Bring your coat on Palm Sunday (April 13th) and lay it on the altar.

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 TODAY:
Head Ushers: DeAnn Harris, C.J. Penwell, Soundboard: Jackie Herrero, Alisabeth Guepet; Camera: Alex Herrero, Adelle Kopec; Streaming: Kevin Kopec, Bella Kopec

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE 8:30 Diane Rogell and Kathy Burnett

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of Eudora Gregory, given by Brenda and Buddy Rambo.

THE PURPLE LENTEN BANNER hangs in memory of Jack Warner, given by Earl and Jean Warner.

LENTEN STUDY Join us for a Lenten study led (via recorded video) by district clergy focusing on the rarely explored topic of biblical relationships between fathers and daughters. The study will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and requires no homework! It will run through April 24th (skipping Maundy Thursday on April 17th). Contact Peggy (570-350-8589) with any questions. To help with planning, let the office or Peggy know if you plan to attend, although you can just show up for any of the sessions that work for you.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR Please note the date for Coffee with the Pastor has shifted to today at 12:15pm. Join us if you are interested in learning more about the church or joining the church.

BIBLE STUDY Want to study the Bible, but you are not sure how? Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am in person or on Zoom. We are beginning a new topic on March 12th. We will be studying the book of Judges. If you have heard the names Deborah, Samson, Barak or Gideon, they are all in the book of Judges. We will take a look at the time before Israel had a king. What can we learn about our own world today from how God called the Israelites to live with one another? Join us one week or every week. Contact the office for the Zoom information.

LEFTOVER SOUP FOR SALE We have some leftover soup from our Missions Soup Sale - 2 quarts of vegetable soup are available and 9 1/2 quarts of ham/potato soup are available. Quarts are \$10.00 each; 1/2 quart = \$5.00. Please see a member of our Missions Team or contact the office. All proceeds benefit Missions projects in our church.

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+

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	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Aram Tchobanian
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Leader	Downtown Youth Initiative
Custodian	Gina Cristi

CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team	Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
Worship	Chairperson, Pastor Monica Guepet
Giving and Funding Committee	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
Property & Building	Chairperson, Kay Bucci
Staff Parish Relations Committee	Chairperson, Buddy Rambo
Missions	Chairperson, Amanda Miller
Membership & Evangelism	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
Co-Lay Leaders	Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller

*Church Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm;
Friday 9:00am-3:00pm*

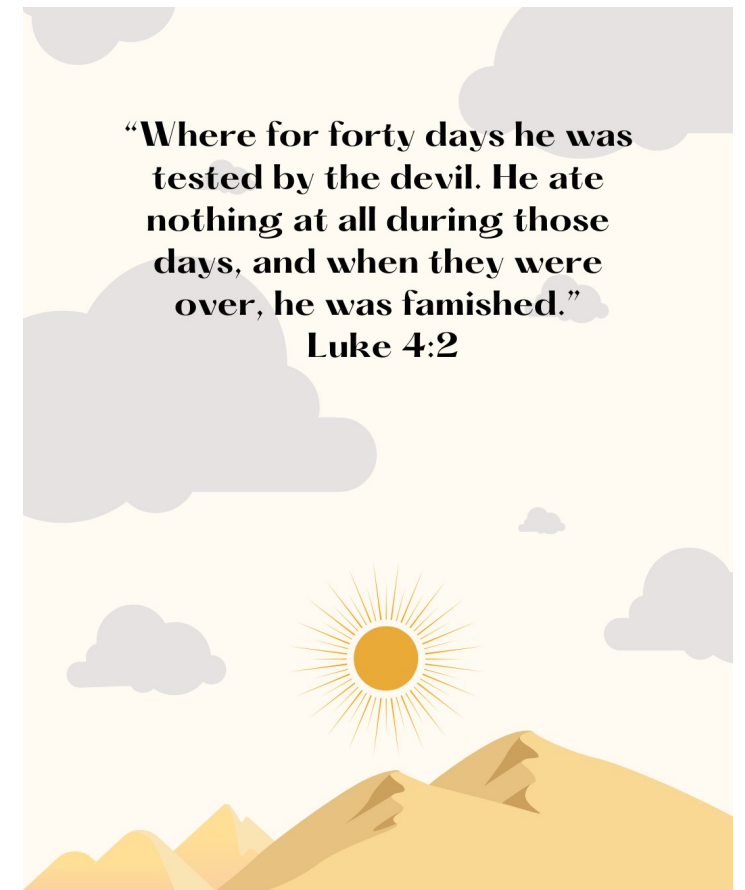
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Giving is easier than ever. Use this QR code to give to the general fund or special ministry. Contact the office for more information.



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Stroudsburg, PA
The Worship of God
March 9, 2025
The First Sunday of Lent*



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Share the love of Jesus in
welcoming & compassionate ways.