

Chimes  
 Prelude “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Arr. Brad Nix  
 Choral Introit (11:00) “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Trad. African-American Spiritual  
 Pastor Monica  
 Welcome  
 Announcements Roz Evans/Krista Montgomery  
 \*Call to Worship Roz Evans/Krista Montgomery

One: Our days are filled with challenges and heartaches. The headlines are filled with concerns and devastation. How shall we carry it all?

**Many: Come to Jesus.**

One: We can offer our burdens in exchange for the yoke of Christ, which is filled with gentleness and love.

**Many: Bring your worries to the foot of the cross.**

\*Hymn “Leave It There” 522

**\*Unison Prayer** Roz Evans/Krista Montgomery  
**Caring God, in times of weakness and hour of need, yours is the strength by which we carry on, the shoulder we rest our head upon. When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours are the arms stretched out to help us; the grace that we depend on. In times of weakness and hour of need, your voice is heard, ‘Come...find rest.’ We give you thanks! Amen.**

Call to Offering Pastor Monica

Offertory “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” Arr. Cindy Berry

\*Presentation of Gifts “Doxology” 95

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Roz Evans/Krista Montgomery

**Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. May our offerings remind us of the abundance you’ve poured into our lives. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope into the world, we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 28:15-25 Roz Evans/Krista Montgomery

Second Lesson 1 Kings 17:2-6 Roz Evans/Krista Montgomery

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:28-30 Roz Evans/Krista Montgomery

Children’s Message Pastor Monica

Praise Song “A Place at the Table” Words: Shirley Erena Murray, Music: Lori True

Sermon “Forgotten Voices: I Am Tired” Pastor Monica

(I want my listeners to come to God when they are tired.)

Special Music (8:30) “At the Cross” Arr. Patti Drennan

Aram Tchobanian and Marti Lantz

Choral Anthem (11:00) “Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

Words: Saint Thomas Aquinas, trans. Edward Caswall; Music: 6th Century Chant

Invitation Pastor Monica

**Prayer of Confession** Pastor Monica

**We come to you, Jesus, burdened with our own sin. Our own calls for revenge and violence, individualism and judgment. We have our own betrayals and denials. You know the sins we carry, secretly or openly, the way they crush us, the weight of them. We bring these to your cross. These, the simplest and gravest of sins, are magnified into organization and systems, amplified in the actions of corporations and governments. Selfishness, revenge and violence unfold on the largest scale, bringing forth misery and destruction in our world every day. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.**

**This Week's Schedule**

**Today** The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 8:30 & 11:00am Worship/Communion  
 9:30am Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45am Sunday School - Children through Adult  
 2:00pm Soup Kitchen

**Monday** 10:00am Pastors Meeting  
 7:00pm Stitch & Pray Small Group

**Tuesday** 1:30pm Just Social Small Group  
 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 Wooddale UMC

**Thursday** 10:00am History Committee  
 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30pm Lenten Study-Lounge  
 7:00pm Scouts

**Friday** Scout Lock In

**Saturday** 7:00am Troop 86 Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

**Next Sunday** Palm Sunday  
 8:30 & 11:00am Worship  
 9:30am Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45am Sunday School - Children through Adults  
 2:00pm Soup Kitchen

**Prayer List - Joys and Concerns**

Our Troops Todd Martin Joyce Leida Sherry Lombardi  
 First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters Prayer Mailboxes  
**Special Person of the Week:** Jill Warner, 571 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

*(Moment of Silence)*

Words of Assurance Pastor Monica  
 The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Monica  
 The Reception of Bread and Cup Pastor Monica  
**Prayer After Receiving** Roz Evans/Krista Montgomery  
 \*Hymn “Precious Name” 536  
 \*Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica  
 \*Choral Benediction Response (11:00) “Beautiful Savior”  
 Words: Anon., trans. Joseph Seiss; Music: Anon  
 \*Postlude “Fantasia” John Lee  
 \*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 pens, pencils and note pads. Please bring your donations in and place them in the bin located in the Fellowship Room near the Missions display. Thank you for your generosity!

**LAITY ACADEMY CLASS ON PRAYER** Saturday, April 26th, 8am-5pm (break for lunch). Pastor Monica will be teaching on prayer for our times. HELP. THANKS. WOW. The most common prayers we utter are single words. This class will provide participants with reflection on personal prayer as well as equip those called to pray in congregational and community settings with skills for leading public prayer. \$30 covers class and meals. Register online: <https://www.epaumc.org/west-district/laity-academy-announces-2025-spring-learning-event/> Contact the office with questions.

**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.

**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.

**PROJECT FOR PENTECOST** Do you speak a language in addition to English? We are looking for volunteers to work with us on a project for Pentecost Sunday (June 8th). If you are interested, please let the office know. We are preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit and many languages!

**SCOUT TROOP 86** Leaf It To Us - Yard clean up: first mow of the season, leaf raking, weed and shrub trimming, mulching, fertilizing, garden weeding, gutters. Call Tim at 570-269-3187 for a quote.

**BIBLE STUDY** Want to study the Bible but you are not sure how? Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 in person or on zoom. We are studying the book of Judges. Join us one week or every week. Contact the office for the zoom information.

**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:**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! [Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC](https://www.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: Jeremy Miller, C.J. Penwell, Soundboard: Jackie Herrero, Peter Guepet and Buddy Rambo; Camera: Alex Herrero, Adelle Kopec; Streaming: Kevin Kopec, Bella Kopec

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE** 8:30 Roz Evans and 11:00 Krista Montgomery

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in honor of Felicity Guepet's birthday, given with love by her family. Happy birthday!

**THE WHITE BANNER** hangs in memory of William Dildine, given by the Dildine family.

**COFFEE CANS NEEDED FOR ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY** We are in need of empty, clean coffee cans (without the lids). The cans are used to deliver altar flowers to our shut ins. Please bring the cans to the church and leave them in the kitchenette. Thank you!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Tuesday, April 15, 1-6pm in the dining room. Call to schedule an appointment - 800-733-2767. Please use the Ann Street entrance.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY** Scout Troop 86 - Saturday, April 12th, 7am-12pm. Adults \$10, Children 4-12 \$5; under 3 free. Please use the Ann Street entrance.

**GRADUATION** Graduation Day is coming for many in seminaries, colleges, universities, high schools and trade schools. Is someone in your family graduating? If so, share the information with the office so we can celebrate with you in worship. We will plan to do so on June 1st.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** Maundy Thursday, 4/17, 7pm; Good Friday, 4/18 - Cross Walk starting 11am at St. John's Lutheran and ending here at Stroudsburg at noon. Good Friday evening service 7pm at Faith UMC. Holy Saturday, 4/19, 5:30pm. Easter Sunday, 4/20, Sunrise Service at 7am; Resurrection Celebration 8:30 and 11 am.

*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:**

<b>Lead Pastor</b>	The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
<b>Pastor of Visitation</b>	Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Jackie Herrero
<b>Choir Director</b>	Aram Tchobanian
<b>Organist</b>	Marti Lantz
<b>Youth Leader</b>	Downtown Youth Initiative
<b>Custodian</b>	Gina Cristi

**CHURCH LEADERS:**

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

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

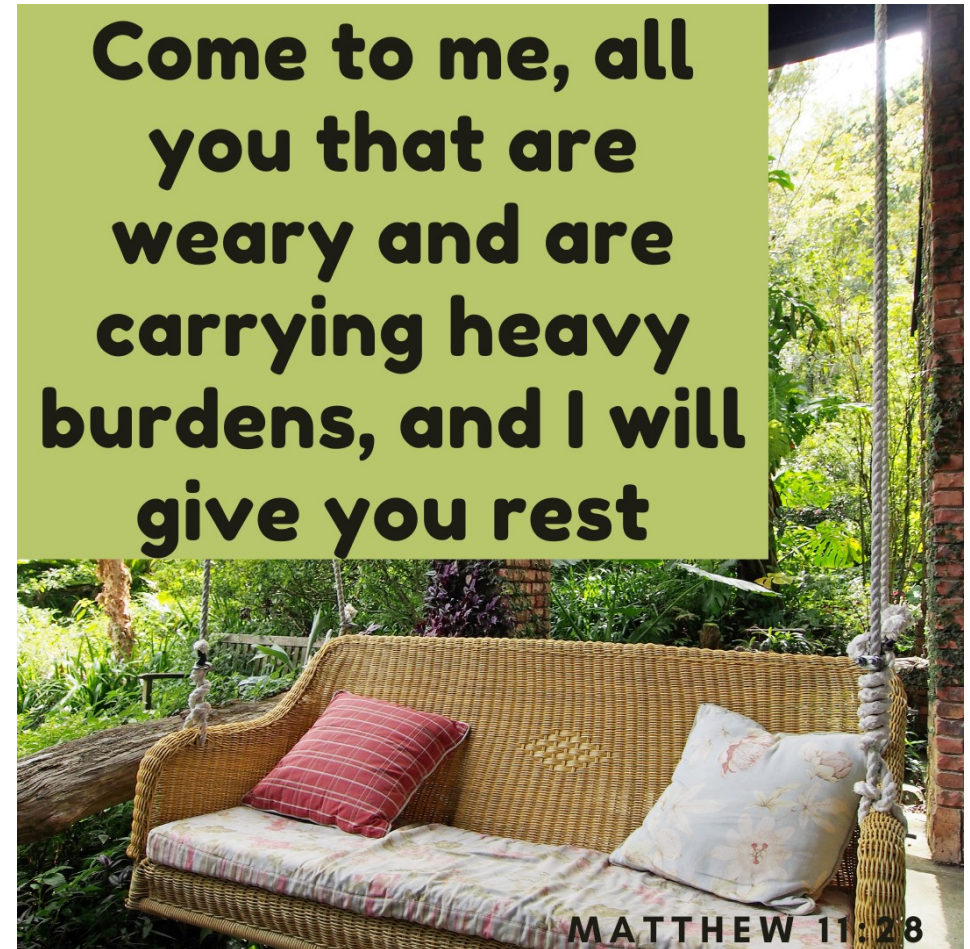
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*Stroudsburg United Methodist Church  
Stroudsburg, PA  
The Worship of God  
April 6, 2025  
The Fifth Sunday of Lent*



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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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