

Chimes
Prelude “Gaudete” John Behnke
(performed by the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble)

Welcome Pastor Margie
Announcements Jenny Bogart/Peggy Stewart
*Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” 230
*Call to Worship (written by Rev. Sarah Are I A Sanctified Art)
Jenny Bogart/Peggy Stewart

One: Here on the heels of Christmas,
All: We speak of love.
One: We speak of joy.
All: We speak of candlelight and fireside.
One: We speak of dreams being fulfilled.
All: We speak of “glorias” and angel choruses.
One: We speak the words, “Do not be afraid.”
**All: Here on the heels of Christmas, we are called to speak,
for the world needs a light.**

One: A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not
overcome it.
All: Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.
*Unison Prayer Jenny Bogart/Peggy Stewart
**God of today and tomorrow, we know that your fingerprints are all over
this world. And we know that those who dream cannot keep silent. So
today we pray, give us eyes to see you. Give us courage to trust you. And
give us lips to speak of you in our midst. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

Anthem “A Festive Christmas Flourish” arr. Joseph M. Martin
*Affirmation of Faith Jenny Bogart/Peggy Stewart
Sharing Joys and Concerns Pastor Margie
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Margie
Anthem “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
(performed by Max Q)

Call to Offering Pastor Margie
Offertory “In the Bleak Midwinter”
(performed by Dr. Rev. Sarah Fernsler (harp)

*Presentation of Gifts “Doxology”
*Prayer of Dedication Jenny Bogart/Peggy Stewart
**Gracious and Generous God: We offer our gifts to you, knowing full well
we have devoted so much more energy into finding the gifts for our
families and much less on the gifts we offer to you. You gave Mary, an un-
married girl, a Son so the world might have a Savior. Her response was so
simple: “Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be according to your
word.” May her affirmation of faith and obedience be the gift we offer
this day. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

This Week's Schedule		
Today	8:30 & 11:00am	Worship-Sanctuary
	9:45am	Sunday School-Children
	2:00pm	Soup Kitchen
Wednesday	12:00pm	Open Sanctuary
Thursday	Church Office Closed	
Friday	Happy New Year!	
Next Sunday	8:30 & 11:00am	Worship/Communion-Sanctuary
	9:45am	Sunday School-Children
	9:45am	Sunday School-Pastor Monica’s Class-Dining Room
	10:00am	Adult Sunday School in Person & via Zoom-Lounge
	2:00pm	Soup Kitchen

Prayer List - Joys and Concerns		
Our Troops	Todd Martin	Lynn Seip
Prayer Mail Boxes	Avon Doll	Joe Woolsey
Sis Sebring		
First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters		
Special Person of the Week: Eileen Sebring, New Eastwood Care and Rehab Center, Room 226, 2125 Fairview Avenue, Easton, PA 18042. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.		

New Testament Lesson	Galatians 4:4-7	Jenny Bogart/Peggy Stewart
*Gospel Lesson	Matthew 2:13-23	Jenny Bogart/Peggy Stewart
Children’s Message		Pastor Margie
Sermon	“Those who Dream Persevere”	Pastor Margie
*Hymn	“Joy to the World”	246
*Benediction and Sending		Pastor Margie
Postlude	“Let There be Christmas”	
	Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin	

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

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURES AND SERMON
Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12 “Those Who Dream: SHINE”

FAMILY PROMISE MEALS Stroudsburg UMC is providing meals to families in the Family Promise program. SUMC will provide a dinner meal on Mondays only. The meal should be provided in a non-returnable container and dropped off at the Family Promise Day Center, 905 Main Street, Stroudsburg - the old Everybody’s Café, next to Little Angel’s Café) at 4pm and handed to Family Promise staff. The families are able to use a microwave to heat meals and have dishware and utensils. Sign ups to provide a meal will be done via Sign Up Genius. Kathy Cook will send you an invitation to this website and you can choose your date for meal preparation. This is an ongoing outreach, and meals will be needed every Monday. Please consider helping on an individual basis or working with another person or family to cover the meal. Contact Kathy Cook - 570-476-6261 or email: kathykitty50@gmail.com.

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 afternoon! 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 newsletter in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad that you are here today!

We give thanks to God for our pastors and staff. Pastor Monica will have time with her family today (Sunday, December 27th) and this week. She will return on Saturday, January 2nd. Marti Lantz, our organist, will be on vacation today, returning also next week. We give thanks to God for Pastor Margie as she delivers the message and leads worship this morning.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Ushers: DeAnn Harris, C.J. Penwell; Soundboard: Jackie Herrero, Bill Weitzmann;
Camera: Alex Herrero, Alisabeth Guepet; Streaming: Kevin and Crista Kopec

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: 8:30 Jenny Bogart and 11:00 Peggy Stewart

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in honor of Peter Guepet’s birthday. Happy birthday, Peter!

2021 ALTAR FLOWER CHART AND CHURCH CALENDAR The 2021 calendars are up in the Fellowship Room and outside the Conference Room. Please consider putting flowers on the altar in memory of or in honor of someone special or a special event. Please note your meeting dates and times on the calendar outside the Conference Room. Thank you!

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
Pastor of Visitation	Pastor Margie Good
Pastors Emeritus	Rev. Tom Anderman, Pastor Ted Good
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	David Lantz III
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Leader	
Custodian	Craig Banner

CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel’s Dream Team	Chairperson, Cathy Doane
Worship	Chairperson, Pastor Monica Guepet
Stewardship	Chairperson, Paul Edinger
Property & Building	Chairperson, Boyd Butz
Staff Parish Relations Committee	Chairperson, Bill Weitzmann
Missions	Chairpersons, Ruth Weber, Kathy Cook
Membership & Evangelism	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
Lay Leader	
Audio Visual Assistant	Beth Armitage

*Church Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm;
Friday 9:00am-1:30pm*

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
Stroudsburg, PA
The Worship of God
December 27, 2020



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Share the love of Jesus in
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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+



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