


8:30 am Worship with Praise Music		
Chiming of the Trinity	Andrea Turner	
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	
* Opening Praise Song	Praise	Praise Team
* Opening Prayer	Don Warsing	
* Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>	
First Scripture Reading	LilliCate Roberts	Acts 5:27-32
Children’s Moment	Danny Peck <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under.</i> <i>Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>	
Second Scripture Reading	John 20:19-31 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Homily	“I Will Believe”	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
Prayer		
* Response Praise Song	This I Believe	Praise Team
Prayers of the People	Rev. George Freeman	
Lord’s Prayer		
Ministry Moment:	Celebrating Soapstone Preschool	Jessica Slessman
Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings	<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>	
Offertory	Preschool Slideshow	
* Doxology	UMH, 94	
* Prayer		
* Closing Praise Song	Take You At Your Word	Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing		

11:00 am Traditional Worship		
Gathering		
Chiming the Trinity	Andrea Turner	
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	
Prelude	Come Thou Fount	Melody Bell Choir
* Call to Worship	Come, just as you are—bringing your questions, your fears, your doubts. Come into the presence of the risen Christ. <b>We come, like Thomas, longing to see, to touch, to believe.</b> Jesus meets us here—behind locked doors, in hidden places, with scars that speak of love. <b>We are not turned away for our doubts. We are welcomed with grace.</b> Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Come and experience the risen Lord. <b>We come to worship the One who brings peace, who breathes the Spirit, who calls us to believe.</b>	
* Opening Hymn	Easter People, Raise Your Voices	UMH, 304
* Opening Prayer	Rev. George Freeman <b>Wonderful God. You come to us in our locked rooms, in our doubts, in our weariness, and you speak peace. We confess, like Thomas, we often need to see to believe. We wrestle with questions and long for assurance. Yet you do not turn us away. We come with our doubts, and you meet us with grace. We come not because we are certain, but because you are faithful. Make this time of worship a place where faith is renewed, where peace is received, and where belief is born again.. In the name of the risen Christ we pray, Amen.</b>	
* Confession and Words of Assurance	<i>The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."</i> <b>In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.</b>	
* Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>	
Proclamation		
Prayer for Illumination	Jessica Slessman The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> Let us pray.	
First Scripture Reading	Acts 5:27-32	
Special Music	Thank You (I Just Wanna Say)	Soapstone Preschool
Children’s Moment	Danny Peck <i>Childcare is available for ages 5 and under.</i> <i>Meet a nursery worker at the Sanctuary doors.</i>	

Proclamation Song	Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God	Chancel Choir and Jeanne Holly, Cello		
Second Scripture Reading	John 20:19-31 This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>			
Homily	“I Will Believe”	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye		
Response and Thanksgiving				
Prayers of the People				
Lord’s Prayer				
Ministry Moment:			Celebrating Soapstone Preschool	Jessica Slessman
Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings			<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>	
Offertory			Preschool Slideshow	
* Doxology			UMH, 94	
* Prayer				
Sending Forth				
* Closing Hymn			We Walk By Faith	TFWS, 2196
* Dismissal with Blessing				
* Postlude				
			* Please stand as you are able.	
			The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of our amazing preschool families and preschool staff!	
Our prayer circle for the week: Bob Allen & family, Craig Miller, Ann Tinkler, Sandra Canady, Judy & John Fletcher, Dick & Beth Chase, Kim & Doug Harward, Bill & Sharon Foster.				
Guests: If you are visiting with us today for the first time text the word “Welcome” to 919-689-4300, scan the QR Code, or fill out the attendance pad with your name and phone #’s so that we may welcome you by text and email. Please stop by the Welcome Center for a gift and information.				
				
We love children: All children are welcome in Sanctuary worship no matter how wiggly. Please uphold our Safe Sanctuary policy by accompanying your child any time they are in the building.				
Sensory Friendly: Activity notebooks, sensory bags, & listening devices are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. Our Sensory Room (109) provides a soothing place to sit with an overwhelmed child and to access the service via livestream.				



Thinking about joining Soapstone or  
just want to learn more about this church?

Join our Pastors tonight and May 4 for our **Connections Class**,  
5 pm in room 101/103, during evening programming.  
*We will also have childcare for those who are not in Kids Rock.*

Community Events Next Weekend for All



BBQ & Dessert Sale

Friday, May 2

Families & friends, you are invited  
to pick up food to take home.

Lunch (11:30 am–1 pm)

Tubs of pork BBQ, \$8,  
tubs of banana pudding, \$4,  
& coleslaw, \$3.

Dinner (4 – 7 pm)

Chicken or pork BBQ, & sides,  
\$10/plate or \$8 a tub.  
Tubs of banana pudding \$4  
Coleslaw \$3.



Strawberry Festival

Saturday, May 3, 11 am–2 pm

**Fun community event for all ages,  
don't miss out!**

- Bake Sale
- Cake Walk
- Strawberries
- Hot Dogs & BBQ
- Vendor Fair
- Face Painting
- Bounce Houses
- Silent Auction

*And so much more!*

Upcoming Events at a Glance

For more details on each of these, visit the website.

- May 4, Confirmation Sunday, 11 am Service
- May 4 - May 10, Family Promise, we will provide meals
- May 7, Crafting Ministry, 4 pm
- May 10, Cub Scout Car wash Fundraiser, 11 am - 3 pm
- May 11, Mother's Day Kids Musical, One 10 am Service
- May 13, Tuesday Lunch Crew, Sassool, 11:30 am
- May 18, Senior High Sunday, 11 am Service
- June 23 - 28, Breakaway (Youth Camp)
- June 28, Uniquely Fun Outing, Water Games, 1-3 pm
- July 6, Welcome our new Pastor, One 10 am Service
- July 19, Uniquely Fun Outing, Craft Event, 1-3 pm
- July 20 - 24, Vacation Bible School

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

*All Zoom & Microsoft Teams links can be found at [soapstoneumc.org/calendar](https://soapstoneumc.org/calendar)*

Sunday, April 27

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
12:15 pm Preschool Advisory Committee in 108/110  
2:30 pm Jesus in the Gospels on Zoom  
4:00 pm Set In Stone in the Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Kids Rock & Youth Group  
5:00 pm Connections Class

Monday, April 28

4:30 pm Jesus in the Gospels in 101/103  
6:15 pm Youth Handbells in 117  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts at the Chapel  
7:00 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study in 101/103  
7:00 pm Soul Tenders in 200

Tuesday, April 29

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group in 114  
1:15 pm Pilates in 200

Wednesday, April 30

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study in 200  
6:00 pm Ecuador Team Meeting in 201  
7:00 pm MOMCo at the Zinhouse  
7:00 pm Choir Practice in 119

Thursday, May 1

9:45 am Pilates in 200  
6:30 pm Banana Pudding Making in the kitchen  
6:30 pm Adult Handbells in 117  
7:30 pm Praise Team in the Sanctuary

Friday, May 2

10:00 am MOMCo Playdate at Strickland Rd Park  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm BBQ Lunch Sale  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm BBQ/Chicken Dinner Sale

Saturday, May 3

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Strawberry Festival

Pastors and Staff serving today:

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye, [dquaye@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:dquaye@soapstoneumc.org)  
Pastor of Visitation: Rev. George Freeman, [gfreeman@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:gfreeman@soapstoneumc.org)  
Director of Music Ministries: Andrea Turner, [aturner@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:aturner@soapstoneumc.org)  
Director of Family Ministries: Danny Peck, [dpeck@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:dpeck@soapstoneumc.org)  
Director of Preschool: Jessica Slessman, [jslessman@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:jslessman@soapstoneumc.org)

**Office hours Monday — Thursday 9:00 am —3:30 pm, 919-846-2212**

**After-Hours Pastoral Care Line —** If you have an urgent need for pastoral care when the church office is closed, please call 919-256-8336 and leave a message for the pastor or staff person on call.



April 27, 2025  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
Preschool Recognition Sunday

We're so glad you've joined us today.  
This is your service and your time to praise,  
laugh, cry, pray and reconnect to the ways  
God is moving in our lives. Whether you come  
from a place of peace and wholeness or from  
the fringe with a heart of despair and  
confusion, know that you are loved and  
accepted by God and his son Jesus Christ  
and through the welcome embrace of  
the people of Soapstone.



Worship - Learn - Fellowship - Serve

*We are a "Lighthouse Congregation" committed to living fully into our  
identity as a United Methodist Christian community that practices habits  
of hospitality and encircles all whom we encounter with Christ's love.  
[www.soapstoneumc.org](https://www.soapstoneumc.org)*