

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity	Alexander Vollrath
Welcome	Danny Peck
Prelude	Holy Youth Handbells
* Call to Worship	Sydney Cable
Tell me something good!	
God loves you more than you could imagine.	
Tell me something good!	
God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.	
Tell me something good!	
God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.	
This is good news indeed!	
Let us worship our compassionate God.	
* Opening Praise Song	Unstoppable God Set In Stone
* Opening Prayer	Sabrina Leale
Faithful God, you call us to the gift and the work of love — loving you with all our hearts, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Open our eyes to see you in the faces of those around us and awaken in us a great love — not a small, cautious love, but the kind of bold, generous love that reflects your heart. Make us a community that doesn't just hear your word, but lives it out in tangible acts of compassion and care. We pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us what great love looks like. Amen.	
Prayer for Illumination	John Partsch
First Scripture Reading	Psalms 100 LilliCate Roberts, 8:30 Lily Slessman, 11:00
Children's Moment	Sabrina Leale, Cara Taylor, and Riley Mitchell <i>Nursery available (5 & under). Activity bags and sensory items are in the Narthex. Room 109 offers a calming space with a livestream.</i>
Proclamation Song	I Saw the Cross of Jesus Youth Handbells
* Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:35-40 Alex Tiller
The Word of God for us the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Homily	Alex Tiller and Charlie Miller
* Responsive Praise Song	Holy Forever Set In Stone

Prayers of the People	Cooper Stone
Invitation to the Table	Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
* Confession and Words of Assurance	
The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."	
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.	
* Passing of the Peace	Riley Mitchell
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.	
Celebration of Ministry:	Sarah Cvetko
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offering	
<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>	
<i>The Special Offering supports the SUMC Scholarship Fund.</i>	
<i>Use the Special Offering envelopes in the attendance pads.</i>	
<i>Please make checks payable to Soapstone UMC.</i>	

Offertory	Scholarship Video
* Doxology	Be Present at Our Table UMH, 621
* Prayer	Colin Scarlett

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving	UMH, 15
Lord's Prayer	
Giving of the Bread and Cup	
Songs During Communion	Let Us Break Bread Together UMH, 618 One Bread, One Body UMH, 620

Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

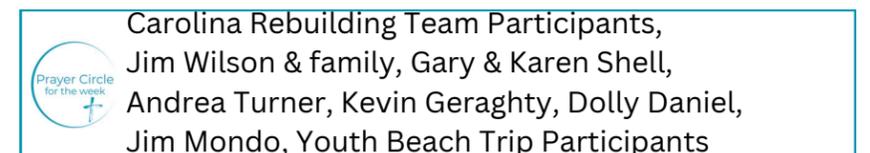
* Closing Praise Song	This Is Amazing Grace	Set In Stone
* Dismissal with Blessing:	United Methodist Youth Benediction	Marshall Woodward
* Postlude		Paula Scicluna

*Please stand as you are able.

Youth Serving in Worship Today

Set In Stone	Youth Handbells	Banner Processor
Jack Barry	Sydney Cable	Riley Mitchell
Wesley Barry	Lauren Deans	
Sydney Cable	Sydney Magno	
Wini Daloni	Riley Mitchell	
Lauren Deans	Annie O'Riordan	
Jack Kendall	Lorraine Peeler	
Sophie Loos	Emma Teeter	
Bryson Magno	Alexander Vollrath	
Sydney Magno	Eleanor Woodbury	
Riley Mitchell		
Gavin Pressley		
LilliCate Roberts		
Lily Slessman		
Cara Taylor		
Ushers	Greeters	A/V
Davis Hynson	Liz Loos	Dylan Coggins
John Partsch	Will Pfanmiller	
Jonna Prewitt	LilliCate Roberts	
Alex Tiller		
Acolyte	Alms Basket	Communion Servers
Jacob Witzman	Henry Bobbitt	Wes Barry
Sydney Gonzales	Sydney Gonzales	Wini Daloni
		Jack Kendall
		Sophie Loos
		Sydney Magno
		Parker Pfanmiller
		Colin Scarlett
		Marshall Woodward

The flowers on the altar are given by Scott & Blair Roberts in honor of Will's 10th birthday.



Visiting for the first time? We're glad you're here!

Please text "Welcome" to 919-689-4300, scan the QR code, or write your name and phone number in the attendance pad. We'd love to greet you by text and email. Stop by the Welcome Center to receive a gift and learn more about us!



Upcoming News & Events

Sign up for events and learn more by visiting our website.

An End of Life Lenten Series – Join us on Sundays during Lent, 3-4:30 pm in Room 200, for thoughtful conversations about end-of-life care and how to prepare well. Please register for the sessions you plan to attend so we can prepare materials.

Grief Share – Don't go through grief alone. Sessions will be offered on Wednesdays, March 4 - May 27, 6-8 pm, 202. Please share with anyone you think would benefit.

Mission Madness – Join us on Saturday, March 7, at various times! Volunteer to help in the Pollinator Garden, organize the library, pack re-entry kits with Prison Ministry, or take a field trip to Spring Forest Farms. Donate items or assist with re-entry kits, the Church Nursery, or food items for the food banks. Happiness Ministry needs help with Winter Games (2-4 pm). Read more and sign up online.

Carved in Stone Podcast – This is a Christian podcast that explores topics that feel settled, sensitive, or untouchable—through the lens of Scripture first, humility over certainty, and people over arguments. Join Pastor Damion each week, listen on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

Tuesday Lunch Crew – All are welcome to pull up a chair with friends Tuesday, March 10, 11:30 am at Jason's Deli, 8421 Brier Creek Pkwy.

Easter Lilies and Ferns – Make a donation towards flowers and ferns in honor or memory of a loved one for our Easter Sunday services. Dedications and donations are due online by Wednesday, March 25.

It's Time to Order Pine Straw! – Order forms are available by the church office or online. Choose pickup or delivery. We'd love your help loading and delivering orders on Saturday, March 14, and some helpers the day before, March 13. It's a great way to serve, connect, and make a visible difference. Sign up online.

Coffee With the Pastors – Visitors to Soapstone, you're invited to join us for Coffee with Our Pastors on Sunday, March 15, at 9:45 am upstairs in room 202! Sign up online.

College Ministry Exam Pack Donation – Support our College students during exam time by donating the items listed in the sign-up found online. Bring items to the Norwood foyer by March 22.

Bishop Leonard Fairley Speaking and Book Signing Event – Join us, Sunday, March 22, 5 - 7 pm, in the Sanctuary for a book signing event with Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, author of "Silver Linings". Bishop Fairley will speak prior to the signing.

A Faithful Conversation on Christian Nationalism – Whether this topic is new to you or something you've been wondering about, join us for a welcoming and informative conversation with Dr. Lester Ruth on Monday, March 23, 7-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

Zoom & Microsoft Teams links can be found at soapstoneumc.org/calendar

Sunday, March 1

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
2:30 pm Christian Believer, online
3:00 pm End Of Life Lenten Series, 200
4:00 pm Set In Stone, Sanctuary
5:00 pm Kids Rock & Youth Group (ends at 6:30 pm)

Monday, March 2

6:00 pm Youth Handbell Practice, 117
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, at the Chapel
6:30 pm God and Family, 108/110
7:00 pm Soul Tenders, 200

Tuesday, March 3, Election Voting Site

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
9:30 am MOMCo Bible Study, 108/110
1:15 pm Pilates, 200
6:00 pm Christian Believer, 109
6:30 pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting, 202
7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting, 108/110
7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting, 111

Wednesday, March 4

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study, 200
6:00 pm Grief Share, 101/103
6:00 pm Eagle Boards, 111, 114
7:00 pm Choir Practice, choir room
7:00 pm Hospitality Meeting, 108/110

Thursday, March 5

9:45 am Pilates, 200
1:15 pm MOMCo Playdate, SUMC Playground
6:30 pm Adult Handbells, 117
7:00 pm MOMCo Moms Night Out, *Ruckus Pizza*
7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study, 101/103
7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary

Friday, March 6, High School Beach Trip

3:00 pm Memorial Service for Rosalee Thomas, Sanctuary
Reception to follow, 200

Saturday, March 7, Mission Madness, various times

10:00 am Intrepid Hikers

Pastors and Directors serving today:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Laura Fine Ledford, lfineledford@soapstoneumc.org
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye, dquaye@soapstoneumc.org
Director of Music Ministries: Andrea Turner, aturner@soapstoneumc.org
Director of Family Ministries: Danny Peck, dpeck@soapstoneumc.org

Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 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.



March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent Youth Sunday

We're so glad you've joined us today. 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.

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.

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