

8:30 am Worship with Praise Music

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

Chiming of the Trinity		Andrea Turner
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
* Opening Praise Songs	The King Is In The Room Same God	Praise Team
* Opening Prayer		Don Warsing
* Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>	
First Scripture Reading	Ephesians 3:20-21	Danny Wever
Children's Moment	<i>Nursery available (5 & under). Activity bags and sensory items are in the Narthex. Room 109 offers a calming space with a livestream.</i>	
* Second Scripture Reading		Mark 6:32-44
	This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	<i>"The Good News is...together, the impossible is possible."</i> Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	
Prayer		
* Response Praise Song	Miracles	Praise Team
Prayers of the People		Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
The Lord's Prayer		
Celebration of Ministry: Pine Straw Sale		Andrea Turner
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	
	* Offering Praise Song	
	* Prayer	
* Closing Praise Song	House Of The Lord	Praise Team
* Dismissal with Blessing		

11:00 am Traditional Worship

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Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity		Andrea Turner
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
Prelude	Lord, I Want to be a Christian	Kids Bell Choir
* Call to Worship	If you need good news, settle into this space. We have good news to share. If you need a word of hope, then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around. If you need a glimmer of joy, then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding. If you need to feel God's presence in your midst, then know that this is God's house. This is the good news of the gospel. God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!	
* Opening Hymn	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs.1,2,5)	UMH, 139
* Opening Prayer		Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
	You meet us in the wilderness places—in our exhaustion, our doubt, and our quiet fear that there will not be enough. We confess that we often see scarcity before we see possibility. We calculate before we trust. Teach us to trust Your economy of grace. Take our time, our gifts, our questions, and our fragile faith, and multiply them for the sake of the world. Feed us today, O God, so that we may become bread for others. Amen.	
* 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	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. <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. And also with you. Let us pray:	
First Scripture Reading		Ephesians 3: 20-21
Special Music	Evening Prayer Come Thou Fount	Kids Chime Choir Kids Melody Bell choir

Children's Moment

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Proclamation Song	We Are One	Chancel Choir
* Second Scripture Reading		Mark 6:32-44
	This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	<i>"The Good News is...together, the impossible is possible."</i> Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye	

Response and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Ministry: Pine Straw Sale Andrea Turner

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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Offertory

*** Doxology** UMH, 95

* Prayer

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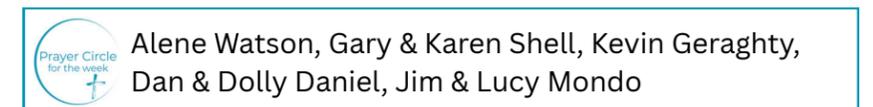
*** Closing Hymn** Standing on the Promises (vs.1-3) UMH, 374

* Dismissal with Blessing

*** Postlude** Paula Scicluna

* Please stand as you are able.

The flowers on the altar are given by Virginia Williams and family in memory of Harold Williams on his 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.



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.



Dementia Caregivers Support Group!

Open to all on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2-3:30 pm in Room 108/110. Share your feelings in a safe, supportive space, connect with others who understand, and take time to care for yourself while caring for your loved one.



It's Almost Pine Straw Time! Volunteers Needed!

Order forms are available through the church office or online—choose pickup or delivery. We especially need volunteers to help load and deliver orders on Saturday, March 14, plus a few helpers on Friday, March 13. It's a great way to serve, connect, and make a visible difference! Sign up online today—we'd love to have you help!



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.



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.

Other Upcoming Events

- 3/15: Summer Mission Trip for adults & youth info meeting, 4:30 pm
- 3/18: United Methodist Regionalization by Danny Peck, 7 pm
- 3/22: Bishop Leonard Fairley Speaking and Book Signing, 5 pm
- 3/23: Dr. Lester Ruth Speaks on Christian Nationalism, 7 pm
- 3/29: Palm Sunday Easter Cantata, both services
- 3/30: Vietnam Mission Trip (Dec. 2-14, 2026) Info Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 4/2: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
- 4/3: Good Friday Service, 7 pm
- 4/5: Easter Sunday, 6:30 (Sunrise), 8:30, 11 am

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, March 8

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 12:15 pm Children's Council, 108/110
- 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)
- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting, 108/110 & online

Monday, March 9

- 6:00 pm Youth Handbell Practice, 117
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, at the Chapel
- 7:00 pm Soul Tenders, 200

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
- 9:30 am MOMCo Meeting, 108/110
- 11:30 am Tuesday Lunch Crew, Jason's Deli, 8421 Brier Creek Pkwy.
- 1:15 pm Pilates, 200
- 6:00 pm Christian Believer, 109
- 6:15 pm Women's Ministry Meeting, 200
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings, downstairs
- 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group, Norwood Foyer
- 7:00 pm Youth Council, 202
- 7:30 pm Adult Council, 200

Wednesday, March 11

- 9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study, 200
- 2:00 pm Dementia Support Group, 108/110
- 6:00 pm Grief Share, 101/103
- 6:00 pm Eagle Boards, 111, 114
- 7:00 pm Cantata Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 12

- 9:45 am Pilates, 200
- 1:15 pm MOMCo Playdate, SUMC Playground
- 6:30 pm Adult Handbells, 117
- 7:00 pm Trustees, 108/110
- 7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study, 101/103
- 7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary

Friday, March 13, Pinestraw Sale

Saturday, March 14, Pinestraw Sale (Nursery 8 am -12 pm)

- 9:00 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

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 8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent

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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