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** Open The Gates — Praise Team
King Of Kings

*** Opening Prayer** Don Warsing

*** Passing of the Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.

First Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 — Danny Wever

Children's Moment Blair Roberts
Nursery (ages 5 & under) is available (116). A calming room (111), movement room (115), and nursing room (114) are available. Activity items are available in the Narthex. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

*** Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 25:1-13
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Sermon "While We Wait" — Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye

Prayer

Response Praise Song Do It Again — Praise Team

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings
Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.

Offertory

*** Offering Praise Song**

*** Prayer**

*** Closing Praise Song** Your Grace Is Enough — Praise Team

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

11:00 am Traditional Worship

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Gathering

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*** Prelude** Living Hope — Youth Handbell Choir

*** Call to Worship**
We come together as people who wait—for answers, for healing, for hope, and for the promises of God.
We wait, but we do not wait alone.
God is with us. When the night seems long, we remember the promise of Christ.
We do not grieve as those without hope, for our hope is in the Lord.
So, keep watch! Tend the light! Keep your hearts ready for the coming of Christ.
And whenever Christ comes again, let us be found faithful. Amen

*** Opening Praise Song** The Lion And The Lamb — Set In Stone

*** Opening Prayer**
We gather as people who know something about waiting. We wait for answers, for healing, for your peace in the world. When grief threatens to overwhelm us, give us the hope of resurrection. Remind us that the future belongs to you and that, in Christ, even death does not have the final word. Teach us that waiting is not simply sitting still until something happens. Use us to build your kingdom and love your people, while we wait. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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.

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Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination Jeanne Moore
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Special Music Philippians 4:13 — Rejoicing Voices
Jeremiah 29:11 — Solid Rockers

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Response and Thanksgiving

*** Affirmation of Faith** UMH, 881

*** Gloria Patri** UMH, 71

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Offertory One Thing Remains — Set In Stone

*** Doxology** UMH, 94

*** Prayer**

Sending Forth

*** Closing Praise Song** Your Grace Is Enough — Set In Stone

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

*** Postlude**

** Please stand as you are able.*

The altar flowers are given by Scott & Blair Roberts
in honor of LilliCate's 13th birthday.

Prayer Circle for the week

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 | November 10
Take a break and enjoy lunch with friends on November 10 at 11:30 am at Carolina Ale House (7981 Skyland Ridge Pkwy). Everyone is welcome!



Ladies, Let's Get Together!
Come enjoy a morning of games, puzzles, and friendship on November 14 from 10 am–12 pm in Room 200. Bring a game or just bring yourself. Invite a friend and join the fun!
Use the QR code to register or sign up online.

Help Make Christmas Special at Insight!
Soapstone is hosting a Christmas party for youth at the Insight Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Center on December 4! Help spread some Christmas cheer through donations, gifts, or volunteering. We need help with food, games, setup, and more! Scan the QR code for donation links and volunteer opportunities, or stop by our Narthex table on Sundays in November.





Special Guest Preacher
On Sunday, November 15, join us in the Sanctuary at 9:45 am to meet Rev. Jonathan Park and Terah Chae Park, missionaries with the UMC General Board of Global Ministries, who will share about their work with the Vietnam Methodist Mission.

New to Soapstone? Join Us for Lunch!
Sunday, November 15 | 12:30–1:30 pm | Room 200
Enjoy lunch, meet new friends, and get connected at Soapstone! Our staff and church family are here to welcome you and answer your questions.
Lunch provided | Childcare available
Register by November 11 using the QR code or at soapstoneumc.org/signups.

Newcomers' Lunch

Looking Ahead at Future Dates

11/11: Dementia Support Group, 108/110
11/13-15: Pilgrimage, Youth Trip, Rocky Mount
11/15: One & Done Book Study with Pastor Laura, 5 pm
11/16: Monday Night Formation, Men's Group, 6 pm
11/22: Advent Adult Sunday School, Room 200, 9:45 am
11/28: ADVENTure, 10 am
12/6: The Music of Christmas Concert, 3 pm
More details & dates coming soon!

Give Online *— Every gift helps us serve and grow together.*

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

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

Sunday, November 8
8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
12:15 pm Children's Council, 108/110
4:00 pm Set In Stone *(Youth Praise Band)*, Sanctuary
5:00 pm Kids' Rock & Youth Group, *(ends at 6:30 pm)*
Monday, November 9
5:45 pm Girl Scout Troop #1387, 101/103
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Chapel
7:00 pm Soul Tenders, 200
Tuesday, November 10
9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
9:30 am MOMCo Meeting, 108/110
11:30 am Tuesday Lunch Crew, Carolina Ale House
1:15 pm Pilates, 200
6:15 pm Women's Ministry Planning Team, 200
6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings, downstairs
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group, Norwood Foyer
7:00 pm Adult Council, 200
Wednesday, November 11
9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study, 200
2:00 pm Dementia Support Group, 108/110
6:00 pm Youth Handbells, 117
6:00 pm Grief Share, 101/103
6:00 pm Eagle Boards of Review, 111 & 114
7:00 pm Hospitality Committee, 108/110
7:00 pm Choir Practice, 119
Thursday, November 12
9:45 am Pilates, 200
6:00 pm OTG Singers, 200
6:30 pm Adult Handbells, 119
7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study, 101/103
7:00 pm Trustees, 108/110
7:30 pm Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
Friday, November 13, Youth Pilgrimage Trip
Saturday, November 14, Youth Pilgrimage Trip
10:00 am Intrepid Hikers, (Forest Ridge Park)
10:00 am Women's Games & Fellowship, 200
2:00 pm Surviving the Holidays, 101/103

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We belong to Jesus and to one another.
We live God's love in the world.

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