

December 30, 2018

10:00 Worship

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth

Gathering and Praise

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome

Prelude

Oyku Goller, piano

* Call to Worship

Leader: We who knelt in the stable—

People: Let us come and kneel in the temple!

Leader: Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!

People: Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!

Leader: O children, enter the house of the Lord!

People: Enter God's presence, and be reborn!

* Opening Hymn Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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* Morning Prayer

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Contemporary Collect from the The Book of Common Prayer

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Proclamation in Song Go Tell It Where I Send Thee

Chancel Choir

Moments with the Children

Lucas Nelson

(Childcare is available for age 5 and under. Please see an usher for assistance.)

Sermon Holy Places

Danny Peck

* Affirmation Apostles' Creed

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* Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father

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Response and Offering

Prayers of the People

Lucas Nelson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* Passing of the Peace

Announcements and Passing the Friendship Pad

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

You're Here

Ensemble

* Doxology

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Commitment Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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* Dismissal with Blessing

* Congregational Benediction Joy to the World

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and Heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

* Postlude

At the conclusion of the Benediction, please take time to introduce yourself to three people you do not know.

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Lucas Nelson

If you are our guest for the first time today, please stop by the Welcome Cart before you leave. We hope that you have been blessed by worshipping at Soapstone today. We have been blessed by your presence.

I wish I could have been there—

-- to gaze at Him in His loveliness & beauty

-- to see the hint of smile on Mary's proud face,

-- to watch the tenderness steal across Joseph's lips.

The tiny hands & little feet -

-- the things they would do & places He would go

-- His helplessness, but yet contented

-- to hear the glorious hosts of angels sing

-- and the shepherds as they humbled

themselves on bended knee—

O what a sight! Pure Joy and Truth!

In the darkness a mellow glow

as God shone down on Bethlehem

And bent the knees of humble men

who offered Him their heart!

Oh Sweet Jesus—Son of God

the Gift of salvation for mankind

Touch my heart—let it be Thine

Forever & ever—

in Bethlehem town!

—Eileen Keenan



Soapstone Notes

Holiday Office Hours — The church office will be closed through January 1. If you need assistance, please contact the Director for your ministry area (email addresses are below). Office staff will check email sent to office@soapstoneumc.org.

Arts Ministry — Our Prayer Tree is available in the Narthex this Sunday to receive your prayers. Please choose any paper ornament you like, write a sentence prayer, and hang your ornament on the tree.

Men's 2019 Kickoff Breakfast — Men of Soapstone are invited to a breakfast on Saturday, January 12. Bring your children (any age) to the church at 8:30 am to enjoy pork products and other breakfast specialties.

Tree Skirt Party — Ladies, don't put those Christmas tree skirts away after Christmas! Women of Wonder (WOW) invite you to our Epiphany and Tree Skirt Party on Sunday, January 13, 5:15-6:15 pm. Bring an appetizer to the Soapstone Chapel and be ready for fun, fellowship, and laughter. AND, don't forget to wear your tree skirt!

Blood Drive — The Blood Connection will be in the Soapstone parking lot on Wednesday, January 9. Appointments are available 4:00-6:30 pm. All successful donors will receive a long-sleeved sweatshirt! TBC Donor Card or Photo ID required. Online signup is available through the church website (search "blood"). The Blood Connection serves all area hospitals.

Coming up at Soapstone in 2019 . . .

Mission Madness Weekend
 Summer Family Mission Trip to Hinton Rural Life Center
 Blood Drives with Blood Connection
 Book studies recommended by the Annual Conference and a summer book study with Pastor Laura
 Trip to Washington, DC to visit the Museum of the Bible
 Women of Wonder (WOW) and United Methodist Men (UMM) events
 Weekend retreats for married couples, women, men, youth
 Christianity and Politics with Dr. Grant Wacker

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)	Youth Ski Trip
Host Family Promise 4x a year	Grief Share Group
Healthy Living Series	Emergency Response Team trips
Strawberry Festival May 4	Children's Musical in May
UMM BBQ's	Vacation Bible School in July (age 3-5th gr)
Enneagram Study	And Much More.....

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Opportunities for Worship and Ministry Week of December 30

Sunday, December 30

10:00 am Worship Service

Monday, December 31

Church office closed.

Tuesday, January 1 — Happy New Year!

Church office closed
 December 25-January 1.

Wednesday, January 2

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Ladies' Study in room 101/103
 6:30 pm AA Meeting in the Chapel
 7:00 pm BSA Troop 399 PLC Meeting in room 101/103
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in room 119

Thursday, January 3

6:00 pm First Born in the Chapel
 6:30 pm Cornerstone Ringers in the Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies' Study in room 108/110
 7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, January 4

6:00 pm First Born in the Chapel

Saturday, January 5

8:30 and 10:00 am AA Meetings in the Chapel

End of the Year Donations . . .

The end of the year is coming. Some of you have said you will be out of town near the end of the year. Others of you have said you won't know about your total giving ability until you know the size of your bonus or other financial results. Church members face these year-end issues every year, and our church is happy to work with you to achieve your giving goals. Here are options and timelines available to you. You may contact Martha Radulovich at mradulovich@soapstoneumc.org to arrange your giving at this busy time of the year.

*Give at one of these remaining worship services: Christmas Eve—4:30, 8:00 & 10:00 pm and Sunday, December 23 or December 30 at the regular worship services.

*Mail your check to 12837 Norwood Road, Raleigh, NC 27613 postmarked by 12/31/18.

*Contribute online at soapstoneumc.org/serve-give/; click on the Online Giving box.

*Use your bank's bill pay system and have your check dated 12/31/18 or before.

*If giving stock or funds managed by a broker, please make sure to do it early as the process can take 2-3 weeks and the transfer needs to be completed by 12/31/18.

*Bring your gift to the church by 12:00 noon on 12/31/18 and leave it in the locked mailbox at the end of the driveway on Norwood Road.

Thank you for making a difference in countless lives in this community and around the world by your continual support!

— Doug Harward, Chairman, Finance Committee



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.

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