

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.  
*(Matthew 18:20, NRSV)*

*From HIS fullness we have  
all received, grace upon grace.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn** "This is the Day"

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Come into the land of GOD.

**We come seeking the land of love.**

Praise the GOD of love.

**We rejoice in this abundant love.**

Praise the GOD of hope.

**We sing praise for this life-giving hope.**

Praise the GOD of new beginnings.

**We give thanks for this chance at new life.**

Live as the people of CHRIST.

**We gather to grow as a community of love.**

Ricky Tipps

**# 571 BH**

Ben Brown

Pastor

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

**Gospel Reading** Mark 12:28-34;

**Hymn** "In His Time"

**Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music**

**Sermon** Mark 12:28-34;

Pam Brown

**# 522 BH**

Pastor

David Cost

Pastor

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**Hymn** "Into My Heart" **# 418 BH**

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor

Merciful GOD, be the hope that overcomes our despair; be the love that overcomes our hatred;  
be the mercy that overcomes our sin. Set us free from the prisons of our own making,  
and release us from the bonds that bind us. Forgive us and watch over us.  
Welcome us home into the loving arms of YOUR mercy. In CHRIST'S name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

You are not far from the kingdom of GOD, for in CHRIST we are given grace and forgiveness.  
Praise GOD for this marvelous gift! You are forgiven. **Thanks be to GOD.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Pastor

**\*Doxology** "Glory Be to the Father"

**The Celebration of the Holy Communion** Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

**\*Closing Hymn** "Freely, Freely" **# 627 BH**

*If you would like to make a profession of faith, join the church, or simply pray at the altar,  
you may come during the closing hymn. We welcome you to our fellowship!*

**\*Charge & Benediction** Pastor

**Go to love GOD and your neighbor. Go forth with love for the world.  
Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed,  
and hold fast to the Holy Scriptures that are able to instruct you  
in the ways of salvation through faith in CHRIST JESUS.  
Go forth to be the people of GOD. Amen.**

**Postlude** Phyllis Turner

**"You Are Not Far from the Kingdom of God."**

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

**Thursday, November 4, 2021;**  
**10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY**

**Friday, November 5, 2021;**  
**9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST**

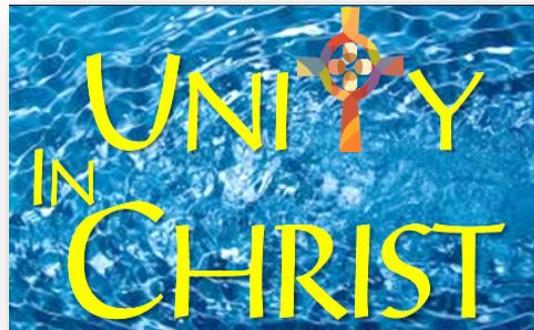
**Sunday, November 7, 2021;**  
**10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP**

*You Are All Invited*

The Pastor's weekly messages are published on our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org)

### ☞ For Our Guests ☞

We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today. We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to GOD as we worship the true and living GOD together.



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### ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*  
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*  
David Piatt & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*  
David Cost, *Special Music*  
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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### THEME IDEAS

Love GOD, love yourself, love your neighbor. The Gospel, in a word, is love! JESUS and the Scribe agree in today's Gospel lesson: the central tenet of faith is LOVE. The call to love demands courage and strength, sacrifice and servanthood. The call to love is GOD'S call to all who would follow CHRIST, and this call to follow CHRIST is to preserve the faith of our ancestors rooted in the Word of JESUS CHRIST who were obedient to GOD'S call.



## *STONEGATE CHURCH*

*CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN*

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.*  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, OCTOBER 31, 2021*  
*Reformation Sunday*



**Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!**