

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.*
(Psalm 19:7-8; NRSV)

Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

*Hymn "I Surrender All"

433 BH

*Opening Prayer

Vince Wilson

*Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Pastor

Wisdom shouts Her warnings in the street.

We have come to forsake our foolish ways.

Wisdom longs to pour out Her SPIRIT on all flesh.

We will not shrink from Her blessings.

Wisdom imparts holy knowledge to save us.

We will not shut out the lessons she teaches.

Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38;

Jacque Wilson

Hymn "He Lives"

269 BH

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

David Cost

Sermon Mark 8:27-38;

Pastor

"The Way to Revive a Soul"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"

68 BH

*Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

Pastor

Wisdom of the Ages, we yearn to forsake our foolish ways and embrace godly knowledge.
Cry out in the streets once more, that we may hear Your voice and drink deeply of Your Spirit.
For we are tired of reaping the harvest of our schemes, and we are weary of eating the fruit of our ways. Bridle our lips, Gracious ONE, that our tongues may speak no evil and utter no falsehoods, but rather proclaim your glory. In Your Holy and Righteous name, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

Following GOD'S Law is sweeter than honey, and far more precious than jewels.
Wisdom revives the soul and makes us whole. **Thanks and praise be to GOD!**

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor

*Doxology "Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

136 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

**As we go forth, may the words of our mouths
be acceptable and true. May the meditations of our hearts be loving
and pure. As we leave this place, may the actions of our lives be
compassionate and just. May the stirrings of our hearts be guided by
GOD'S thoughts and Wisdom. Amen**

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Friday, September 17, 2021;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

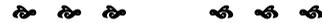
Sunday, September 19, 2021;
10:45 a.m. – PRAISE & WORSHIP

You Are All Invited

The Pastor's weekly messages are published on our website at 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

Proverbs and Mark all agree: Willful people do foolish and destructive things that annoy GOD. The Epistle speaks of the dangers of gossip and errant teachings, warning that an unbridled tongue can unleash the very fires of hell. In Mark's Gospel, when Peter rebukes JESUS for his talk of dying, JESUS rebukes Peter for setting his mind on worldly things. Finally, the Psalmist proclaims that fear (worship) of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

Salvation is Free,
But Discipleship
Will Cost You
Your Life

STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!