

🌀 ENTRANCE 🌀

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

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1-14

Welcome and Announcements			Ricky Tipps
Prelude / Hymn	"Come, Christians Join to Sing"	(Choir)	# 32 BH
*Opening prayer			Pastor
*Call to Worship <i>(Responsively)</i>			Pastor
Invited by GOD, we gather to worship. We gather to grow in faith and to change the world. Called apart to serve GOD alone, We are ready to focus on what is good and true. Called to be ambassadors of GOD, called by GOD, We are ready to serve GOD and GOD's world; we are blessed indeed. Called as beloved children of the MOST HIGH, We are ready to love, as we have been loved.			
*Hymn	"Spirit of the Living God"		# 330 BH

🌀 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD 🌀

Scripture Reading	Matthew 22:1-14;	Pastor
Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer		Pastor
Special Music	"Sometimes Miracles Hide"	David Cost
Sermon	Matthew 22:1-14;	Pastor

"A Banquet of Grace and Abundant Love"

🌀 RESPONSE TO THE WORD 🌀

Hymn	"Glorify Thy Name"	# 18 BH
*Prayer of Confession		Pastor
Gracious GOD, YOU know how we confuse our roles, miss YOUR invitation, and ignore YOUR banquet of grace and abundant love. Clear the clouds from our eyes, that we may clearly see YOU. Clear our minds and soothe our troubled souls, that we may remember and treasure every opportunity to receive YOUR abundant grace and YOUR loving nourishment. Nourish us with YOUR forgiveness and YOUR mercy, that we may rejoice fully in this time of worship. In YOUR love and grace, we pray. Amen.		
*Words of Assurance & Encouragement		Pastor
Rejoice in GOD, whose grace is ours. Rejoice in the power of love! You are forgiven. We are forgiven!		
*Affirmation of Faith		Pastor
The Celebration of the Holy Communion		Pastor

🌀 SENDING FORTH 🌀

*Closing Hymn	"Amazing Grace!"	(vs. 1, 2 & 3)	# 104 BH
<i>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!</i>			
*Charge & Benediction			Pastor
As partners with GOD, go to serve GOD's world. As friends of CHRIST, go to share CHRIST's love. Go with the blessing of GOD, the strength of JESUS CHRIST, and the guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen			
Offering	"Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"		
Postlude			Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept us home and I started publishing my daily devotional and weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org.

Now we are back in our sanctuary. The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal," it is abnormal. We are children of GOD, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what is abnormal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

October 18, 2020 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

Be Strong, Never Give Up..., as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Good Days Will Return, And We Will Worship the LORD Together

✠ 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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THEME IDEAS

We are ambassadors in ministry and creation with GOD. Jesus presents an image of a wedding banquet that can be truly joy-filled only when everyone participates, from the greatest to the least, in full partnership with God. Being created in GOD's divine image gives us a unique role and a powerful call to participate fully with the HOLY ONE.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, OCTOBER 11, 2020



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

✠ WORSHIP LEADERS ✠

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

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