

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn "Lead Me to Calvary"

*Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Draw near to GOD, and GOD will draw near to you.

We come into GOD's presence,

The SPIRIT is speaking words of wisdom.

We come to listen to the SPIRIT's wisdom,

Jesus calls us to service and love.

We come to follow JESUS' call.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Mark 9:30-37;

Hymn "Be Still, My Soul"

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Sermon Mark 8:27-38;

Ricky Tipps

251 BH

Ricky Tipps

Pastor

Valerie Tipps

514 BH

Pastor

David Cost

Pastor

"And Whoever Welcomes Me..."

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

353 BH

*Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

Pastor

Oh, God, humble our hearts, even when we are proud. Call us back to service and love, even when our focus is lost in the pursuit of power and prestige. Remind us to be childlike in faith and to be faithful as YOUR children. Cover us with YOUR grace and unify us in YOUR peace, that we may embrace YOUR wisdom from above and YOUR humility from below.

In YOUR name, we humbly pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

With the nourishment of CHRIST the Living Water, we are refreshed and made new. In GOD's mercy and grace, we are again claimed as GOD's children and called into GOD's service.

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 "In the Sweet By and By"

605 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

**We go now to serve and welcome every child we meet,
loving every person we encounter, serving by all the means we can,
in all the places we can, for however long we can.
Amen**

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

*In the Life of our **STONEGATE** Community*

Friday, September 24, 2021;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 26, 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

☞ 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.

Whoever welcomes *ME*
welcomes not *ME* but
the *ONE* who sent *ME*



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THEME IDEAS

The wisdom of servanthood guides and calls us to humility, authenticity, and peace - three signs of the "wisdom from above." Certainly, this wisdom of servanthood flows throughout JESUS' teachings, which must have left HIM a bit incredulous to hear HIS Disciples arguing about who was the greatest among them. The Disciples had to be reminded once more that the wisdom from above is the wisdom of serving and giving, as JESUS taught and lived.

Whoever wants to be first
of the **GOSPEL**
OMARK
must be last of all
and servant of all

STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!