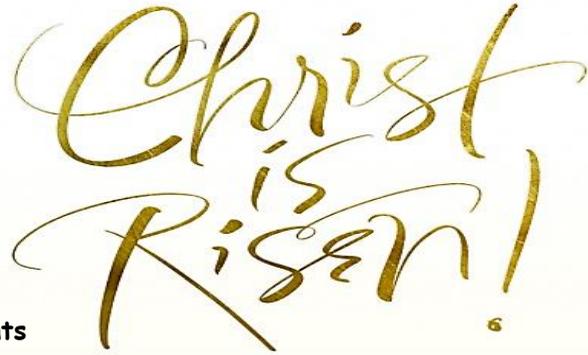


✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn** "Alleluia! Alleluia!!

**Scripture Reading** John 20:1-18;

**\*Opening prayer**

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

The tomb is empty! CHRIST is alive!

Alleluia!

CHRIST is risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!

This is the day that the LORD has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day of new beginnings, for CHRIST is risen.

CHRIST is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Ricky Tipps

# 272

Pastor

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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

**Hymn** "Christ Rose"

# 273 BH

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

Pastor

**Special Music**

David Cost

**Sermon** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

Pastor

*"We Proclaim Good News and So You Have Come to Believe."*

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**Hymn** "He Lives"

# 269 BH

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

Pastor

LIKE PETER, GOD OF LIFE AND LOVE, we stare into the empty tomb and see only death. Like Mary, we stand weeping over a loss. We so often feel hopeless. We don't recognize any possibility for joy. Forgive us our unbelief and doubts. Surprise us with YOUR work in the world. May we dry our tears and joyfully sing Alleluia into new life. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

GOD'S steadfast love endures forever, calling forth new life and joy. The risen JESUS offers forgiveness of sins through HIS name. Rejoice; JESUS gives you new life.  
**Alleluia! Praise be to GOD and the risen JESUS!**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor

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

**The Celebration of the Holy Communion**

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

**\*Closing Hymn** "Alleluia"

# 276 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

**May GOD'S blessing of new life be yours.  
May GOD'S gift of peace fill your hearts.  
May GOD'S promise of forgiveness give you hope.  
May you go forth to tell the Good News:  
We have seen the risen LORD! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Postlude**

Phyllis Turner

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

Hello, Church Family.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen, indeed! I am grateful to God for all of you. A year ago, the COVID-19 pandemic began keeping us home. We had to cancel the worship celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. Now we are back in our sanctuary, and we are celebrating joyfully with Alleluias – Christ is Risen during Easter Sunday worship. I want to encourage each of us and all of us, to bravely and reasonably, faithfully, and actively participate in all church activities as they are announced. With precaution and carefulness, let us demonstrate our trust and faith in the Lord. Let us worship together as we usually practiced it before the pandemic situation. May His love and abundance of blessings comfort you entirely, and may your hearts remain full of hope.

My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org)

Friday, April 9, 2021 – Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, April 11, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

### ☪ 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.

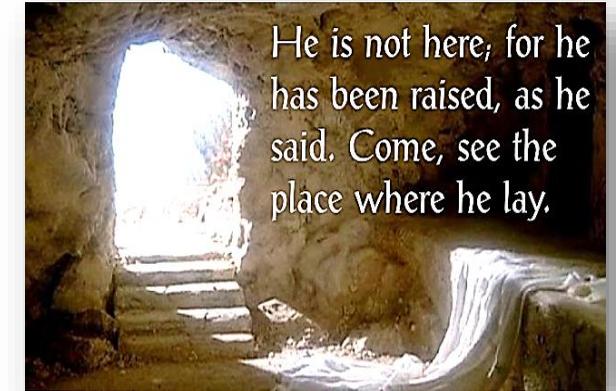


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### THEME IDEAS

At Easter, GOD called forth a radically new life, overturning the power of death, and proclaiming the triumph of love. This is much deeper than beautiful spring flowers. This is the breaking-in of GOD's affirmation that love is stronger than death and that life will triumph over the powers of the empire. Here is the mystery. No one sees the moment of resurrection, yet we experience the results of that moment. We trust that GOD alone can transform the moment of despair into a life of joy, a path of salvation, and eternal life.



## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.*

*Resurrection of the LORD - Easter Sunday, APRIL 4, 2021*



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

### ☪ 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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