

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship

Pastor

Is anyone here feeling tired?

YES! I am weary and weighed down with burdens.

Take heart! GOD gives us strength and energy. Is anyone here hurt or grieving?

YES! I am wounded and in pain.

Take heart! GOD heals broken hearts. Is anyone here left out, shunned, outcast?

YES! I have been pushed to the margins, labeled unworthy of inclusion.

Take heart! GOD is calling your name and waiting to gather you close in love!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Luke 2:25-33;

Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

David Cost

Sermon Luke 2:25-33;

Pastor

"Guided by the Spirit"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Revive Us Again"

493 BH

*Prayer of Confession

Pastor

GOD of Strength, we confess our doubt. GOD of Justice, we confess our lack of trust. GOD of Grace, we confess our lack of restraint. We are weary, and we turn to a cup of coffee. We are outraged and angry, and we turn to tweeting, and demonizing others. We praise YOU with enthusiasm on Sunday, but then we turn to safe stereotype about separating religion and politics when we could be proclaiming the message of YOUR limitless love. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

Hear GOD'S promise to all: "Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Know that God's promise of grace and forgiveness is free of charge! You are forgiven. **We are forgiven.**

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor

*Doxology

"Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

544 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

Remember that GOD is calling your name. Healed and strengthened by CHRIST, even in our brokenness, go to proclaim the Gospel of love. Empowered by the SPIRIT, go out to proclaim the Gospel of love! Amen!

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

I am grateful to God for all of you. At this time, we have to acknowledge that time passes very quickly. With obedience to the Lord, we are continuing our worship services. Our faith is in the Lord, and we walk in faith. Faith can be measured by obedience. Obedience is the visible expression of the invisible faith. These two factors build a relationship with God. May our God of mercy continue with His blessings in abundance. We are remaining with patience and humility in overcoming temporary restrictions.

My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

February 14, 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

Proclaiming the Gospel is *not* optional, says Paul! That seems like a no-brainer, but how many of us intentionally fill our days proclaiming the Gospel? The Gospel message is chock-full of the Good News of love – not just any love, but the love of the everlasting GOD. This is the one who created the earth and the heavens, who provides sustenance, strength, compassion, and healing for all creatures, and who takes delight in those who place their hope in the tenacious and tender power of divine love. How can we keep quiet in the face of this amazing truth?



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, FEBRUARY 7, 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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