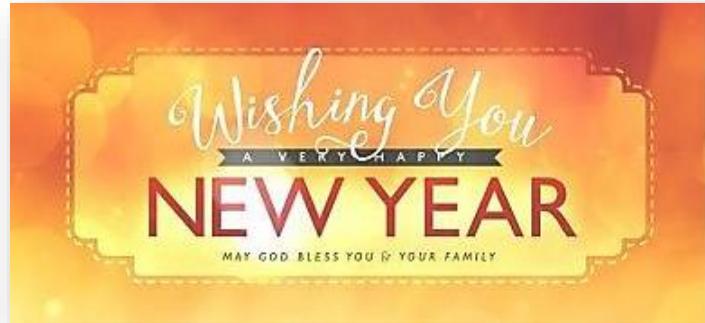


✿ ENTRANCE ✿

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



Welcome and Announcements

Pastor

***Opening prayer**

Pastor

***Call to Worship**

Pastor

Praise the LORD from the highest heaven.

The sun and moon, and all the stars in sky, sing praises to our GOD.

Praise the LORD from the deepest valley.

The mountains and hills, and all the trees in the forest, worship the LORD on high.

Praise the LORD from hearts filled with song.

The old and young, and all the saints of GOD, sing with songs of joy.

Come! Let us worship!

Let us worship the RULER of heaven and earth.

✿ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✿

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-32;

Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

"Joseph's Lullaby"

David Cost

Sermon

Galatians 4:4-7;

Pastor

"When The Fullness Of Time Had Come"

✿ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✿

Hymn

"O Holy Night"

(v. 1 & 2)

194 BH

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor

FATHER of mercy and grace, we yearn to turn to YOU, as we seek to grow in YOUR wisdom and increase in YOUR grace. We long to crawl into YOUR loving arms, and YOUR never-failing acceptance. Strengthen the roots of our hope and faith, that we may be heirs of YOUR promise all the days of our lives, and enter through the gates of salvation to YOUR Kingdom. Amen.

***Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

Sisters and brothers, CHRIST has clothed us in with the garments of salvation. CHRIST has covered us with the robes of righteousness and the garb of holy love. As children of the living GOD, adopted into CHRIST's family of faith, let us rejoice in our glorious inheritance. You are forgiven.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✿ SENDING FORTH ✿

***Closing Hymn**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 1 & 4)

#196 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

Go in peace, for we have been granted the salvation of our GOD.

Go with joy, for CHRIST has clothed us with love.

**Go in hope, for the SPIRIT shows us
our glorious inheritance in the LORD.**

Amen.

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept and keeps us home, and in this Advent season, the situation is much worse than at the beginning of 2020. My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org

After many talks last week, the Church Session, at my request, agreed to change the form of our Sunday Services until further notice. It will be a shorter Sunday Service led by your Pastor.

January 3, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:00 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

The glory of GOD's salvation through CHRIST is juxtaposed with the ritual presentation of a young Jewish boy at temple. Even as his family participates in this common custom, the uncommon breaks in. Simeon proclaims JESUS to be the long-awaited Messiah, the salvation for which Simeon has waited. Anna praises GOD for this young CHILD, in whom she sees the redemption of the world. Christmas is a reminder that our extraordinary GOD breaks into our ordinary world, our ordinary lives, and our ordinary traditions.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

The Last Sunday of the Year, DECEMBER 27, 2020



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