

✿ ENTRANCE ✿

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

A light shining in the darkness...,
What could it be?

The sound of angels' wings...,
What could it mean?

A baby born in a stable...,
Who could it be?

Come to Bethlehem and see **"Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Prince of Peace."**

***Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" **#184 BH**

***Confession of Sins (in Unison)**

It's Christmas Eve again, God. We're barely ready for it. So much to do to get ready - gifts to buy and wrap, trees to trim, houses to decorate. We're in a whirlwind of activity. In the midst of the busyness we sometimes miss what it is all about - You coming to Earth - Emmanuel, God-with-us. Help us hear anew Your promises of hope and salvation and love as we sing our familiar carols. Forgive us for forgetting the magic of this night and for focusing on ourselves and what we need to do instead of on the miracle of Jesus' birth. Rock us out of our complacency. Let us hear angel voices, see shepherds hurrying to a stable, feel the Emmanuel among us and ponder it in our hearts what all this means for us. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

God's love knows no bounds. Love comes down at Christmas - a love so deep and so profound that nothing will ever be the same again. Know that this love is come for you - to touch you, to heal you, to forgive you, and to make you whole.

***Opening prayer (in Unison)**

O wondrous God of the special night, we come tonight with breathless wonder to see Jesus who will change our lives. We hear the names **"Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Prince of Peace,"** and we are in awe. You have touched the earth this night with your unconditional love. Touch us - touch our hearts and minds and souls. May we never tire of this story. May we never take it for granted. Make this night magical again, for us, God, Amen!

✿ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✿

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7;

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20;

Hymn "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" **#212 BH**

Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" **#188 BH**

Sermon Titus 2:11-14;

"SALVATION TO ALL!"

✿ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✿

Hymn "O Holy Night!" **#194 BH**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

✿ SENDING FORTH ✿

***Closing Hymn** "Silent Night, Holy Night" **#206 BH**

***Charge & Benediction**

**Go now in wonder. Go to bring light to those in darkness,
and joy to those who can find no joy.
Go with the songs of angels in your ears, and the love of God in your
hearts. Go and spread the word – the Savior is born for all.
Amen!**



Postlude

In the Life of STONEGATE Family

Sunday, December 27, 2015

NOON – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –
ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, December 31, 2015

10:00 a.m. – NO LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, January 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. – NO FRIDAY Breakfast /
Adult Bible Study

Sunday, January 3, 2016 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

COVENANT RENEWAL NEW YEAR SERVICE

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION NEWLY ELECTED ELDERS

*(please spend some time in prayer and prepare
yourself for Covenant Renewal with God – see copy of
Bulletin for January 3, 2016)*

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

✿ 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.

A CHRISTMAS INVITATION

Come Just As You Are

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Lead like Jesus...,

Lead to Jesus...,

Be led by Jesus...,

✿ WORSHIP LEADERS ✿

Rev. , Pastor

, Pianist

, Liturgist

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



* Please rise as you are able

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THEME IDEAS

We never tire of the Christmas story
or its notes of wonder and awe. The
magic of this night is the magic of
promises fulfilled: the magic of light
bursting on darkness, the magic of a
baby's cry and a mother's tender love,
the magic of angels singing glorias to
shepherds, the magic of God coming
to earth to dwell among us. It is
important to keep hold of this sense
of magic as we tell the old familiar
story from passages people know by
heart. Something special, something
incredible, happens tonight.
Rejoice, for our salvation has come!



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Candlelight Service at 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2015



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