

✠ 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
Prelude / Hymn	"Open My Eyes, LORD"	(Choir)	# 426 BH
*Opening prayer			Pastor
*Call to Worship <i>(Responsively)</i>			Pastor
Our ancestors have led us here. <b>We are witnesses of their faith.</b> The wisdom of the ages has called us here. <b>We are children of the light.</b> The choice to follow GOD lead us in the light. <b>We are heirs of GOD's promise.</b> The LORD of life has called us here. <b>We are here to worship the LORD of the light.</b>			
*Hymn	"Spirit of the Living GOD"		# 330 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:1-13;	Pastor
Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer		Pastor
Special Music	"Amazing Grace - My Chains Are Gone"	David Cost
Sermon	Matthew 25:1-13;	Pastor

"Alerted in Spirit..., Following the Light"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn	"What a Friend We Have in JESUS"	# 154 BH
*Prayer of Confession		Pastor
We long to have the courage to choose YOU, O GOD, each and every day. We yearn for the forbearance to wait patiently, through the long watches of the night - for we long to be found ready, when YOU appear in YOUR glory. Fill our lamps with YOUR grace, that we might share YOUR light with our children and with the generations to come. Amen.		
*Words of Assurance & Encouragement		Pastor
Follow the Light: <b>"We will be with the LORD forever."</b> Love the LORD of the Light, you are forgiven.		
*Affirmation of Faith		Pastor
The Celebration of the Holy Communion		
	Pastor	

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn	"How Great Thou Art "	(vs 1 & 4)	# 6 BH
<i>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!</i>			
*Charge & Benediction		Pastor	
Go forth this day and keep your spirits alerted. Go forth this day and shine with GOD'S light whom you meet. Go forth this day and walk in the brightness of the LIGHT, to embrace the life we have received. Amen.			
Offering	"Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"		
Postlude		Phyllis Turner	

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept us home and I started publishing my daily devotional and weekly messages at our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org).

Now we are back in our sanctuary. The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal," it is abnormal. We are children of GOD, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what is abnormal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

November 15, 2020 – Sunday Service at 10:45 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.

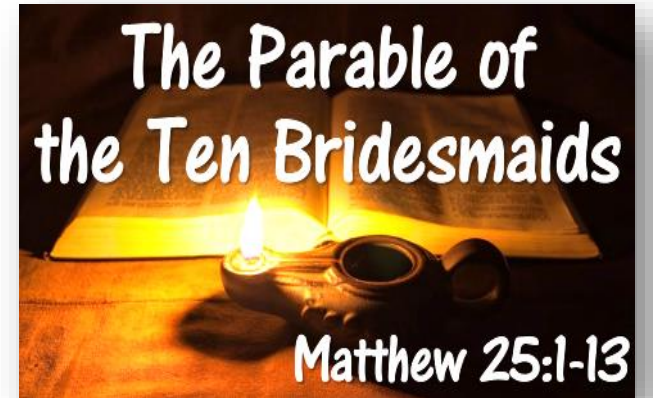


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### THEME IDEAS

Choices have consequences. Choosing to follow GOD changes everything. Choosing to share the wisdom of GOD's holy mystery with the next generation provides our children a chance at a real future. Choosing to remain vigilant keeps us ready when the bridegroom appears. Today's Scriptures remind us that we need persistence, patience, and faithfulness for the long haul. But first and foremost, they remind us that it all begins with a choice: Whom will we serve?



## *STONEGATE CHURCH*

*CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN*

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, NOVEMBER 8, 2020*



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

### ✠ WORSHIP LEADERS ✠

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*  
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*  
Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*  
David Cost, *Special Music*  
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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