

✠ 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

Invocation

Pastor

CHRIST is here indeed.

Let's sing with the angels and celebrate with joy.

For Christmas arrives this night.

CHRIST'S love has called us here.

CHRIST'S love has guided us in holy light.

On this most Holy Night we light all four candles in our Advent wreath, and we are reminded of the LOVE and we rejoice that the promise of GOD has been fulfilled in the coming of the BABY born in a manger.

Special Music

"When Love was Born"

David Cost

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:14-20;

Pastor

Christmas Eve Message

Titus 2:11-14;

Pastor

**"For The Grace Of GOD Has Appeared"**

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"O Holy Night"

(v. 1 & 2)

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\*Prayer of Confession

Pastor

Protect us with YOUR light, when the darkness threatens. Redeem us with YOUR grace, when sin separates us from YOUR presence. Pour YOUR love upon us throughout the world, that hatred may yield to companionship, and apathy may warm to compassion. In YOUR mighty love, we pray. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

We, who once walked in darkness, are now children of light, and no darkness can overcome this light. We, who once were no people, are now God's people of love, and nothing can separate us from this love.

Introduction to the Holy Communion

A CHILD is born to us, a SON given to all the world. As we hear the familiar story this night, may we listen anew and watch for signs of GOD's glory and grace.

In CHRIST'S grace, we become light and love for one another.

In this grace, let us share the light of CHRIST with those around us.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

Hymn

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(v. 1 & 4)

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✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Lighting the Christmas Candles

\*Charge & Benediction

Pastor

Go to be light of JESUS. Go to be love of JESUS.  
Go to bring Christmas hope to your families and to the world.  
Amen.

\*Closing Hymn

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

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## *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](http://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.

December 27, 2020 – 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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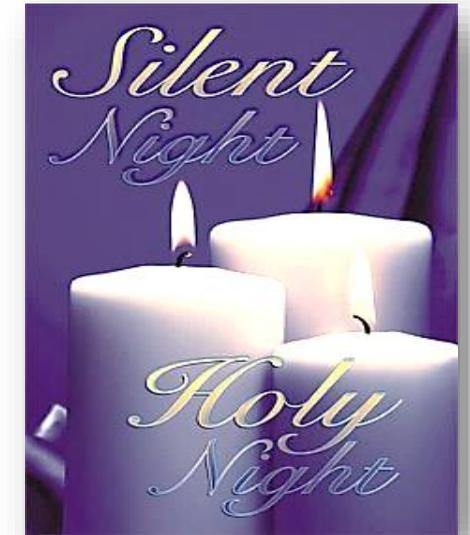
### ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

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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## THEME IDEAS

Light and love come down at Christmas, illuminating our path, as we celebrate Christmas and remember the stories and Scriptures that define this sacred season. Light shines down from a star, illuminating the babe who is the light of the world. Love shines this night to show us how to be the light of the world. Love flows..., Love has defined this child's purpose in our world for thousands of years - a love barely grasped on that night of nights.



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 6:00 pm*

*CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2020*



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