

✠ 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*)

Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God. Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

Praise the Lord!

Proclaim God's name to all the world. Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

Praise the Lord!

We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

Praise the Lord!

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Are You Washed in the Blood"

#229 BH

*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

God of Mystery,
we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of Your love, and still we don't understand the nature of Your grace. God, forgive us unfaithfulness. Help us remember that You give us all the signs we need to believe and follow Your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again and forgive us. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

God has promised to be with us throughout all generations. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord's forgiveness rejoice, for God is with us!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Romans 12:9-21;

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:24-26;

Children's Time

Hymn "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

#220 BH

Sermon

Matthew 16:24-26:

THE CROSS AND SELF-DENIAL

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Alleluia"

#276 BH

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

*Response

"Glory Be to the Father"

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory Prayer

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Partaking of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer



✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

#6 BH

*Benediction

**Know that God is your help, will keep you safe,
and will bring you strength to take up your cross.
You are blessed by God and sent to serve. Amen.**

Postlude

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

7:00 p.m. Bible Study.

Friday, September 5, 2014

8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group
Yard and Building Work

Sunday, September 7, 2014

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, September 11, 2014

10:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study.

Will start with social, and class starts September 25



Lead like Jesus...

Lead to Jesus...

Be led by Jesus...

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.



WORSHIP LEADERS

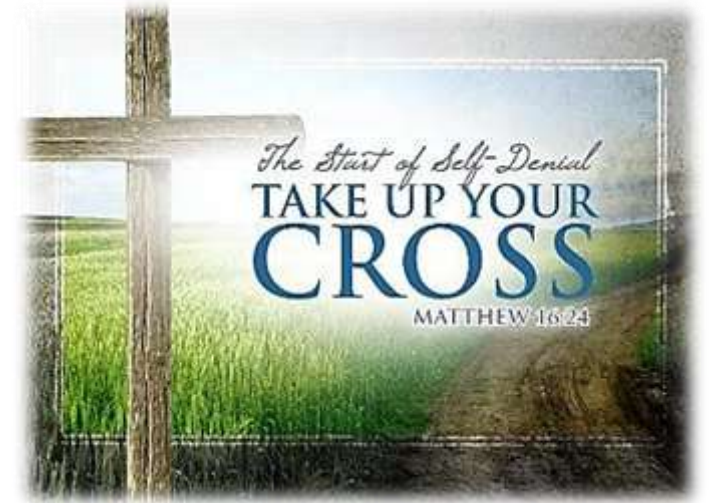
- , Pastor
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- , Pianist
- , Singing
- , Children's Time
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- * Please rise as you are able
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- #156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal
- Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal

THEME IDEAS

Just when we think we have God figured out, God overturns our expectations once again. Writing in Romans, Paul gives us an upside-down recipe for living in Christ: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Meanwhile, Jesus reminds us of one of the greatest, and most difficult, paradoxes of Christianity: to save your life you must first lose it. So we find ourselves once again surprised by the limitless and inexplicable nature of God's love, and we rejoice to stand together on holy ground.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

12th Sunday after Pentecost - August 31, 2014



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