

## ❖ ENTRANCE ❖

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

The voice of the Holy God flashes forth, bathing the world in goodness and hope.  
**The God of light sits enthroned in holy splendor. The God of glory thunders, full of majesty.**  
 The voice of the Holy God calls to us from the waters, pouring out love in an endless stream of life.  
**Let us worship the God who calls us. Let us worship the God.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn "Standing on the Promises"

#399 BH

\*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

Oh, Holy God, You call us to turn toward Your holy light. Instead, we close our eyes to what You would have us see. You call us to put our faith in You, and know that everyone is your beloved child.  
 We promised through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ. Forgive us, Almighty God, for we have forgotten our baptismal promises, looking to ourselves rather than to You for our salvation.

\*Words of Assurance

The Holy God pours out love and grace, forgiving all who repent and turn away from sin. You are God's beloved. In you God is well pleased. Glory be to God. Amen.

## ❖ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11;

New Testament Reading

Acts 19:1-7;

Children's Time

Hymn "Living for Jesus"

#545 BH

Sermon

Acts 19:1-7;

## "TAKE ME TO THE WATER"

### ❖ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ❖

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

#6 BH

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory Prayer

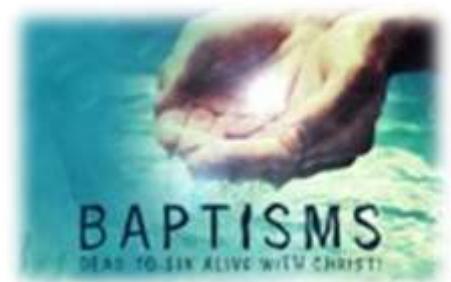
\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

### Take Me to the Water – Baptism Renewal Ceremony

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



\*Closing Hymn

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

#104 BH

\*Benediction

*Go into the world as the light of Christ,  
 pouring out love like a living stream. May the God who is love  
 bless you and make you a blessing to everyone desiring a baptism  
 and asking 'take me to the water.' Amen.*

Postlude

# *In the Life of STONEGATE Family*

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

6:30 p.m. CARD MAKING CLASS

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays, January 15, 2015**

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

**Friday, January 16, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group

Yard and Building Work

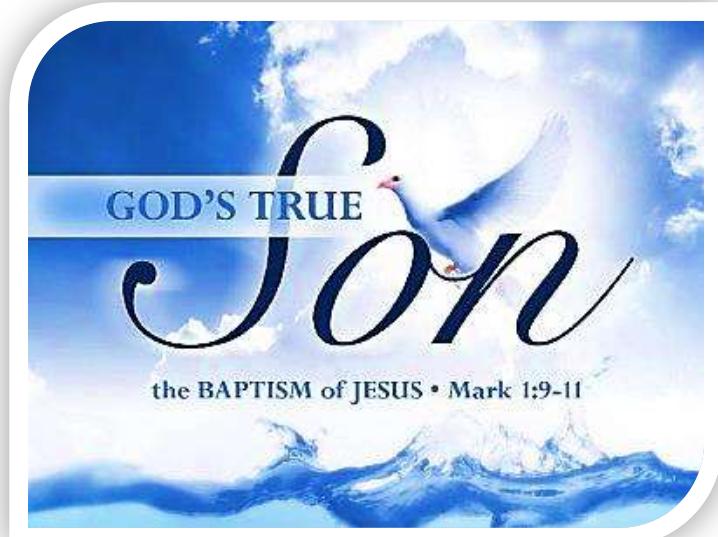
**Sunday, January 25, 2015, PHYLLIS'S SUNDAY**

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

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

## THEME IDEAS

God is the creator of all things - the bringer of light and order to everything that is, a gift beyond our imaginings. God cares for us and all of creation. Just as Jesus knew himself as God's beloved child when he rose from the baptismal waters, God comes to us as the Holy Spirit in our baptism, bringing spiritual gifts and bathing us in divine love.



*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.

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# *STONEGATE CHURCH*

*CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN*

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2015*

### ❖ WORSHIP LEADERS ❖

, Pastor

, Elder

, Pianist

, Singing

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able

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# Take Me to the Water

## – Baptism Renewal Ceremony

In time of your baptism, solemnly you proclaimed and promised:

**Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, and turning from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world. You professed your faith that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior. And you will be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love.**

**To be a faithful member of the church, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, You devoted yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*universal or catholic word can be used as well;

Eternal and gracious God, we remember it and we give You thanks and pray.

In countless ways You have revealed Yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of Your grace. In the beginning of time, Your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.

In the time of Noah, You destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning.

You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea, and into the freedom of the Promised Land.

In the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with Your Spirit. By the baptism of His own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it, we are buried with Christ in His death. From it we are raised to share in His resurrection, through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**When we touch the water,** send Your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of *all* who are cleansed by it. Raise *us* to a new life, and graft *us* to the body of Christ. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon *us*, that we may have power to do Your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**