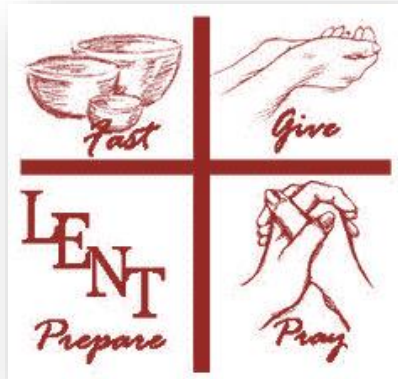


✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

God makes a way in the desert.

We will journey forward with Christ.

God promises new life in the face of death.

We will journey forward with Christ.

God restores hope for those in despair.

Come, let us worship Christ together.

*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Gracious God,

Anoint us with your mercy and compassion, as you hear the sins and sorrows of our hearts. Guide us to be people who face anger and selfishness with anointing and healing power. Guide us to be people who face doubt and despair with hope and determination. Guide us to receive the new life that you offer, as we accept your forgiveness, and trust your grace. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Forget what lies behind. Trust in the path of grace that lies before us, for in the mercy of Christ's love, we are forgiven and invited into new life in Christ. Amen.

*Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8;

Children's Time

Hymn

"I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary" #246 BH

Sermon

Philippians 3:10-14;

"BECAUSE CHRIST JESUS HAS MADE ME HIS OWN"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #233 BH

*Affirmation of Faith

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory Prayer

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"Majesty" #297 BH

*Charge & Benediction

**God leads us into a new day on a new path.
Christ travels this road with us. God is doing great things for us.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.**

Postlude

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, March 13, 2016

THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR SCHOLARSHIP / CAMP MONEY / BUILDING FUND

Thursday, March 17, 2016

10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, March 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY Breakfast/Adult Bible Study,

Saturday, March 19, 2016

9:30 a.m. – SPRING CLEAN UP AT CHURCH

Sunday, March 20, 2016

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING



“He fasted for forty days
and forty nights...”

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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Rev. , Pastor
, Pianist
, Liturgist
, Children's Time
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* Please rise as you are able
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THEME IDEAS

Today's scriptures call us to look forward rather than backward, and to envision God's future instead of focusing on our past. The new things that God can do in Christ Jesus are perceived through the eyes of faith - eyes that are guiding us into God's future. For Jesus, this meant turning His eyes and His path toward Jerusalem, even if that journey would lead to the cross. For us, this means turning our eyes toward Holy Week and the way of the cross, even as we trust in the promise of "new things" and a new life that arises from God's Easter miracle.



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STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

The 5th Sunday in Lent, March 13, 2016



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