

✠ 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 "Alleluia"

Choir # 276 BH

***Opening prayer**

Pastor

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Pastor

Come into GOD's presence with joy.

In GOD, we have an inheritance that is imperishable.

Come into GOD's presence with hope.

In CHRIST, we have an inheritance that cannot be defiled.

Come into GOD's presence with longing.

In the SPIRIT, we have an inheritance that never fades.

Come into GOD's presence with love.

In GOD, we have an inheritance that brings new life.

***Hymn** "He Lives"

269 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9;

Phyllis Turner

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Vision, Encouragement & Challenge,

Psalm 16:1-11,

Children's Time

Valerie Tipps

Special Music "The Servant King"

David Cost

Sermon

John 20:19-31;

Pastor

"Do Not Doubt But Believe!"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Because He Lives"

449 BH

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor

Merciful GOD, YOU come offering us peace, but we hold onto our fears; YOU come offering us faith, but we cling to our doubts; YOU come offering us a future filled with promise, but we retreat to pleasant memories of the past. We want to believe that YOU offer us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. We want to see ourselves as YOU see us. We want to live as YOU would have us live. We want to believe that life is stronger than the death we see all around us. Help our unbelief, O GOD, that we may truly know and live YOUR gift of resurrection. Amen.

***Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

Pastor

The inheritance that GOD promises us is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Even when we are consumed by doubt, GOD is always faithful. Even when we lose our way, GOD is able to find us and bring us home. Even when we are at war with ourselves, GOD is able to bring us peace. **Thanks be to GOD!**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor

Offering/*Doxology "Praise GOD, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

***Closing Hymn**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

491 BH

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!

***Charge & Benediction**

Pastor

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading – an inheritance protected by the power of God. Through Christ, God has given us a new birth into a living hope. Amen

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 keeps us home and I started publishing my weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org, push the button 'messages' on the home page. A hard copy will be sent to the elder members who prefer this form. Slowly and unexpectedly we are going online with our ministry.

I will inform you about any additional messages that I am going to post. I assure you that you are in my prayers. I will be in touch with you by telephone, mail, facebook and website.

**Be Strong, Never Give Up..., Good Days Will Return,
And We Will Meet Again**

Attention

Due to a pandemic of the coronavirus and a declared state of emergency by local authorities, we, as responsible Christians and citizens, are announcing that all weekly activities are **CANCELED TO THE END OF APRIL**.

The schedule for only Sunday service is as follow:

☞ 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, *Elder*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Valerie Tipps, *Children's Time*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

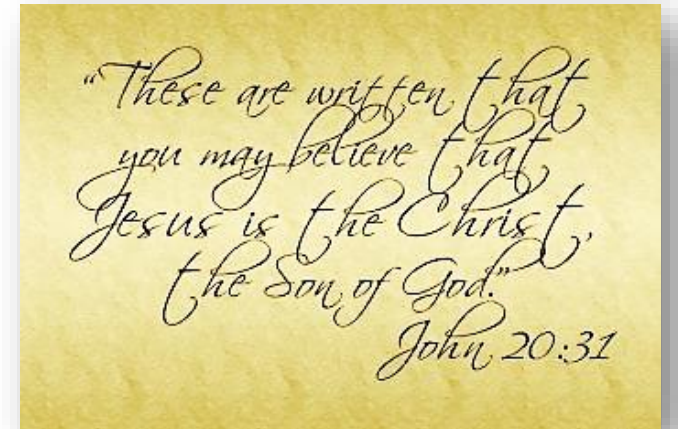
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THEME IDEAS

The Epistle reading promises us an imperishable inheritance through the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the dead. Each reading, in its own way, makes the bold claim: The peace of GOD, the divine love that is our refuge and our strength, can never be taken from us. Even when we doubt, as Thomas did, we are challenged to embrace the good news of our imperishable inheritance.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am - online only
The Second Sunday of Easter, APRIL 19, 2020



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!