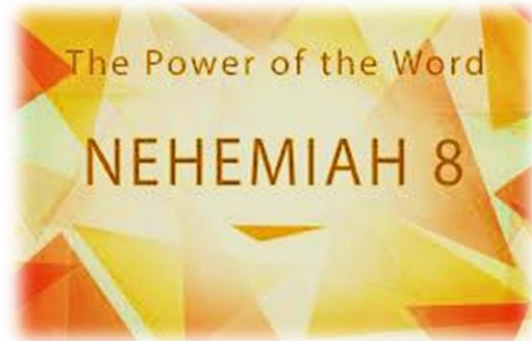


✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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)**

This day is holy to the Lord your God.

The universe tells of God's glory!

On this holy day, we will eat good food and share it with others.

The universe tells of God's glory!

On this holy day, we will preach the good news of God's love.

The universe tells of God's glory!

***Opening prayer**

***Hymn** "In the Sweet By and By" #605 BH

***Confession of Sins (in Unison)**

Dear God, we talk about our desire for justice, but our actions bring poverty and oppression to those we claim to serve. We talk about our deep love for you, but we come up short when it's time to show love. We talk about our commitment to serve others, but our busy lives make it hard to find the time to act as your disciples. God, help us turn our words into actions, so that our very lives may become the message of love you have called us to proclaim. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

"This day is holy ..., Don't mourn or weep ..., Don't be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength!" We need to hear these same words today, for our strength comes from the Lord. In God, our joy and our forgiveness is assured! ...we are forgiven!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10;

Children's Time

Hymn "Higher Ground" #532 BH

Sermon Gospel of Luke 4:14-21;

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME!"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" #587 BH

***Affirmation of Faith**

***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

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

***Closing Hymn** "What A Day That Will Be" #607 BH

***Charge & Benediction**

**Go forth into this holy day to proclaim God's message of peace.
Go forth into this holy day to share God's message of justice.
Go forth into this holy day to be God's message of love.
Amen!**

Postlude

In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, January 24, 2016

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 28, 2015

10:00 a.m. – NO LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, January 29, 2016

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

Saturday, January 20, 2016

9:00 a.m. – LIVING FREE CLASS

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Congregational Lunch at Louie's

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

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.



THEME IDEAS

At first glance, today's readings don't set forth one overarching theme. Jesus' understanding of His ministry echoes the grand themes of the law, which are celebrated in Nehemiah. A ministry calls for many types of people and gifts, but all these are joined together as the body of Christ, as Paul affirms in 1 Corinthians. We are bound together by the gift and the precepts of the law, which guide our understanding and practice of ministry. Both Nehemiah and Luke tell stories of words causing profound transformations in people's lives. So, which is the better witness:

words or actions? ***"Preach the gospel always by your life, and if necessary, use words."*** This profound and meaningful phrase reminds us that both words and actions must go hand-in-hand, so that every aspect of our lives - both words and actions - may communicate the love of God.



Lead like Jesus...

Lead to Jesus...

Be led by Jesus...

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CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany, January 24, 2016

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. , Pastor
 , Pianist
 , Liturgist
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