

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

*7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from GOD;
everyone who loves is born of GOD and knows GOD.*

*8 Whoever does not love does not know GOD, for GOD is love.
*(1 John 4:7-21)**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Amazing Grace" (v. 1, 3 & 4)

***Opening Prayer**

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Come to CHRIST, the true vine, and bear much fruit.

We have come to abide in the vine, and to bear the fruit of salvation.

Come to love one another, for love is of GOD.

We have come to the household of love, for God is love.

Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.

We have come to love one another, as God has loved us.

Come! All are welcome here.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8;

Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Sermon John 15:1-8;

Ricky Tipps

104 BH

Andy Turner

Pastor

Phyllis Turner

172 BH

Pastor

David Cost

Pastor

"Abide in The Vine of Life."

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

536 BH

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Pastor

Source of love and life, YOUR glory knows no bounds. We yearn to set aside our fears, but we are often afraid. We long to love our sisters and brothers, but we often feel alienated from them. We desire to abide in YOU as YOU abide in us, but we can't seem to figure out how. Show us once more how to love, for only love can cast out our fear. Show us how to love one another well, for only then can we truly know YOU. Show how to abide in YOUR vine, for only then can we bear the fruit that glorifies YOUR name. Amen.

***Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

When we abide in CHRIST, we abide in the VINE of love and grace. Abide in the VINE, and receive mercy beyond measure. **We are branches of the Divine VINE of love and grace. Thanks be to GOD!**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor

***Doxology**

"Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

***Closing Hymn**

"Give Thanks"

576 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

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from GOD. Beloved, let us abide in CHRIST'S love, for HE is the VINE and we are the branches. Beloved, let us care for one another, for the SPIRIT helps us abide in GOD'S peace. Go in CHRIST'S' Love and Peace. Amen.

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

We see that everything is changing. Even though we have many experiences but we are still learning something new. Mostly, we became vaccinated against COVID-19. Responsibly we are attending our services and other activities too. Winter time is gone and a beautiful Spring is with us. With precaution and carefulness, we are continuing our testimony that Jesus Christ is with us! Let us continue our worship together with our Lord of Life. May His abundance of blessings comfort you entirely, and may your hearts remain full of hope and joy.

My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org

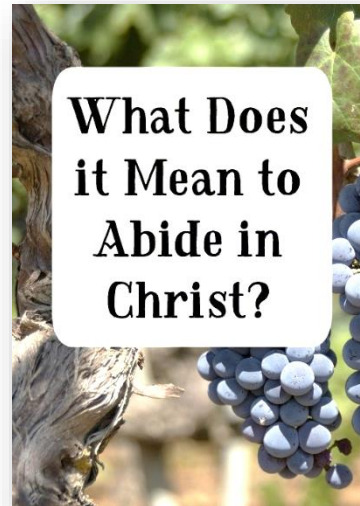
Sunday, May 9, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.
Baptism of Jacob Matthew Parks

☞ 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.

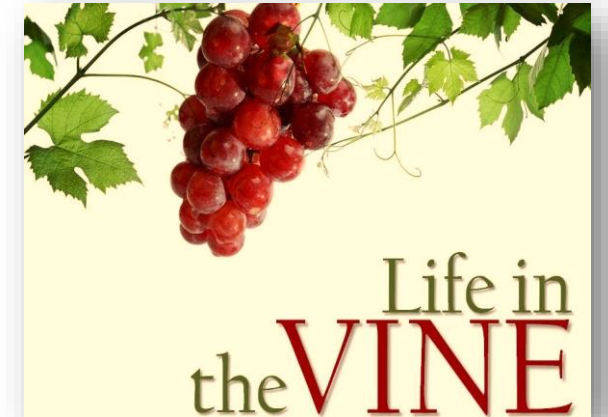


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THEME IDEAS

GOD is love. Those who abide in love, abide in GOD. And those who abide in CHRIST'S love, abide in CHRIST. For CHRIST is the vine, and we are the branches. By abiding in the vine, we bear the fruit of love. Apart from the vine, we can do nothing. In Acts, Philip meets an Ethiopian eunuch, teaches him the meaning of Isaiah's suffering servant song, and helps him abide in the vine. The Psalmist speaks of the servant who leads the people to abide in GOD. John writes that true love casts out fear and offers us JESUS'S commandment to love one another. Truly, GOD is love. Those who abide in love, abide in GOD.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter, MAY 2, 2021



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☜

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
David Piatt & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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