

✠ 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 "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" Choir # 150 BH

\*Opening prayer Pastor

\*Call to Worship (Responsively) Pastor

Sing of GOD's mercy and grace. Praise GOD with laughter and joy.  
**We sing of GOD's strength and might. We praise GOD with feasting and joy.**  
For GOD protects the lowly and avenges the misdeeds of the mighty.  
**GOD brings forth justice and righteousness, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.**  
Sing of God's mercy and grace.  
**We sing and praise of God's strength and might.**

\*Hymn "Alleluia" # 276 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35; Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Special Music "The Gospel of Grace" David Cost

Sermon Matthew 18:21-35; Pastor

**"Forgive..., Seven or Seventy-Seven Times?"**

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (vs 1 & 2) # 238 BH

\*Prayer of Confession Pastor

MERCIFUL GOD, we are ever in need of YOUR grace and YOUR mercy. When we have hurt YOUR little ones, forgive us. When we have laughed at others' misfortunes, pardon us. When we have belittled the weak, humble us. Help us walk the trials of life with YOUR powerful hope and YOUR loving grace. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, we would have fallen in to the nothingness and been drowned by the abyss of evil. Sing and praise to the Lord, who is on the side of all GOD's children. **Thanks be to GOD!**

\*Affirmation of Faith Pastor

The Celebration of the Holy Communion Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn "He Lives" # 269 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

**As you go forth from this place, move forward in life with purpose and passion, for CHRIST is our light and passion. Live as people of powerful hope, for the SPIRIT guides us each and every day.  
Go with GOD'S blessings. Amen**

Offering "Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"

Postlude Phyllis Turner

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept us home and I started publishing my daily devotional and weekly messages at our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org), but now we are back in our sanctuary.

The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal," it is abnormal. We are children of God, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what not normal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

September 20, 2020 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

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

### ✠ 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.

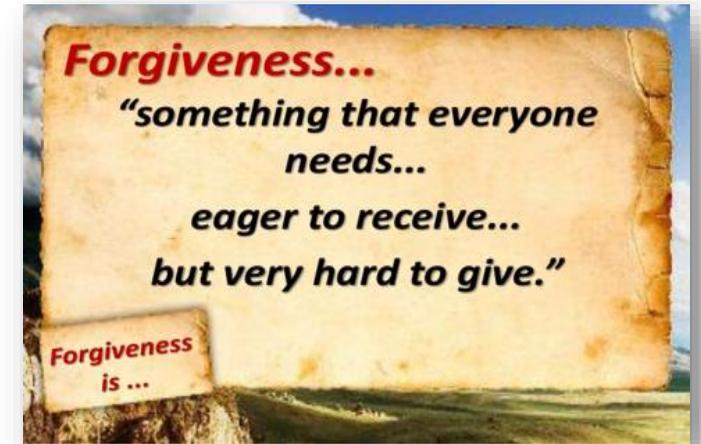


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*...how often should I forgive?  
not Seven Times...,  
but Seventy Seven...,  
or Seventy Times Seven?*

### THEME IDEAS

Forgiveness and refraining from judgment tie today's epistle and Gospel readings together. Redemption and reclamation further unify for both are GOD's gifts to the chosen people, just as they are CHRIST's gifts to the Christian community. In the Epistle to the Romans, CHRIST redeems us and claims us as GOD's own children.



## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020*



**Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!**

### ✠ WORSHIP LEADERS ✠

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

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