

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude / Hymn "Freely, Freely"

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

When our souls seem withered away,
GOD clothes us with flesh and hearts that beat with love.
GOD breathes new life into us once more that we might live.
Let us worship the ONE who never forsakes us!

*Hymn "Morning Has Broken"

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading John 11:1-45;

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Vision, Encouragement & Challenge,

Children's Time

Special Music "Amazing Grace" (???)

Ricky Tipps

Choir

Pastor

Pastor

45 BH

Vince Wilson

Pastor

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Valerie Tipps

David Cost

Sermon

Romans 8:6-11;

Pastor

"To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

"Set Up The Mind On The Spirit"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

453 BH

*Prayer of Confession

Pastor

LORD of LIFE, we come to YOU consumed by our worry and our pain. When we blame YOU for not being there in our need, forgive us. When we turn away from YOU in moments of loss, guide us back to YOUR faithful arms. For we long to put our faith in YOUR promised healing. Teach us once more, Oh LORD, that YOU weep when we weep, and rejoice as we find our way home. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

Pastor

God makes us a promise: "I will put my spirit within you and you shall live."

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor

Offering/*Doxology

"Praise GOD, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

6 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

**Receive the blessings of the ONE who forgives our failings.
Receive the blessings of the ONE who saves us and heals our hearts.
Remain with hope, God will provide. 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 publish my weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org, push 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.

¹³ Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ^{NRSV})

Attention

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

The schedule for only Sunday service is as follow:

March 29 – **CANCELED**,

April 5 – Palm Sunday – **CANCELED ???** or **"COME AND GO" ???**

April 12 – Easter Sunday – **"COME AND GO"**

☪ 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*
Vince Wilson, *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

From the valley filled with dry bones in Ezekiel, to the death of Lazarus in John, today's theme focuses on experiences of loss and death, and the hope of new life in GOD. We feel dried up, devoid of breath, aching from the loss of loved ones, but death and loss do not have the final word. We worship a GOD who brings new life and new visions. We place our hope in a GOD who has power even over death. What have we to fear? With Paul, we know that: **setting the mind on the Spirit is life and peace**. Lent is a time to choose life.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

The Fifth Sunday in LENT, March 29, 2020



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!