

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Lift up your eyes and see God's radiant love.

**We lift up our hearts in praise.**

Lift up your lives and walk in the light.

**We lift up our voices in song.**

Open your ears to hear Christ's call.

**We open our minds to know God's word.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

#149 BH

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

Holy God, we so often fail to remember how profoundly you love us. You created us, and you love us as we are. Empower us to begin anew and live in your presence. Forgive us when we fail to remember that we are the body of Christ, redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross, forgive us for the sake of the Gospel; we truly beseech You, Oh Lord. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

Beloved, we are the children of God. Don't fear failure. Learn from your mistakes, and cherish the forgiving grace of God. Give thanks for all you are, and go forward in faith, You are forgiven!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 123:1-4;

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:14-30;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Sanctuary"

#588 BH

Sermon

Gospel of Matthew 25:14-30;

## TALENTS, TROUBLES AND UNFATHOMABLE JOY.

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

#606 BH

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**\*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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Partaking of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer



✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

**\*Closing Hymn**

"The Family of God"

#393 BH

**\*Benediction**

**We are renewed and filled with the sweetness of God.  
Go forth to bless the world with joy, opportunities and responsibilities  
in the Holy Spirit of God's redemptive love and sustaining peace.  
Amen.**

Postlude

# In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

**Sunday, November 16, 2014**

Noon – Church Session

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014**

6:30 p.m. – CARD MAKING CLASS

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Thursday, November 20, 2014**

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study.

**Friday, November 21, 2014**

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Breakfast Group

Yard and Building Work

**Sunday, November 23, 2014,**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS  
AND RE-COMMITMENT SERVICE**



*Lead like Jesus...*

*Lead to Jesus...*

*Be led by Jesus...*

## 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.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

- , Pastor
- , Elder
- , Pianist
- , Singing
- , Children's Time
- , Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able  
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## THEME IDEAS

The Parable of the Talents. This parable is about the importance of being prudent and being prepared, as was last week's parable about the bridesmaids. This parable is not about money management, although the principles do apply. Rather, it was given to admonish us to be productive. This parable shows us how fear destroys opportunity. The principle factor that caused the wicked servant to hide the talent was fear! Even though the servant thought he did the right thing, Jesus has some harsh words for those who let fear rule their lives. Yes, He is compassionate and gives us grace; but, when we allow fear to take over, it becomes wicked as it blocks His work from dwelling within us, and causes us to forsake our opportunities and responsibilities. This parable is also about where we invest what He gives us. Remember, these talents are the abilities and opportunities that He gives us! What is your talent?



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – November 16, 2014*



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