

☞ ENTRANCE ☞

*Gathering* - The people gather to worship the true and living God. Welcome friends. We are genuinely pleased to have you worship here today. Lift up your voice and open your heart to God and all of us will be blessed. The prelude signals the beginning of worship.



**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship (responsively)**

Hear the word of God: "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

**We choose holiness and reject futile thinking.**

We look today at life and turn our eyes from the vanities of this world onto the Shepherd of life.

**We want to be holy, for the Lord is holy.**

We affirm that we belong to Christ and His redeemed flock.

**We crave His wisdom and His ways, because we trust our Shepherd.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #32 BH

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

Holy Jesus, You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not. You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. We want the easy way, but You have given us the hard path. Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You, to allow ourselves at times to stumble, to live in the hard way so that we might fully experience Your love, grace and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others.

In Your name we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

Holy Spirit, thank you for the assurance of forgiveness.

Help us move beyond our sin, that we may make the world a better place to live. Amen.

☞ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ☞

**Prayer of Illumination**

**New Testament Reading** 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23;

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:38-48;

**Children's Time**

**\*Hymn** "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought" #81 BH

**Sermon** Gospel of John 10:11, 14;

***I Am The Good Shepherd.***

☞ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ☞

**Hymn** "Love Lifted Me" #107 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** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #98 BH

**\*Benediction**

**May God, who began the good work within you, continue to be at work in your life, bringing everything to completion on the day when the Good Shepherd, Christ Jesus comes back again. May your love for others overflow more and more, and may you keep growing in your knowledge and understanding. Amen.**

**Postlude**

# *In the Life of our STONEGATE Family*

## **Sunday, February 23, 2014**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

## **Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

## **Thursday, February 27, 2014**

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

## **Friday, February 28, 2014**

8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group  
Yard and Building Work

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Chocolate Extravaganza**

## **Sunday, March 2, 2014**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 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**

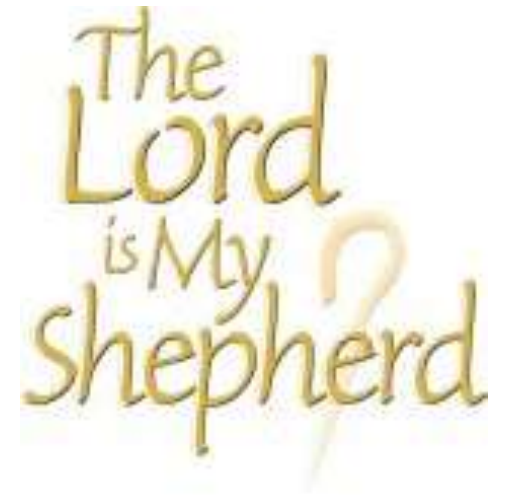
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, Elder  
, Pianist  
, Singing  
, Children's Time  
, Welcome and Announcements



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### **THEME IDEAS**

God is holy and God's people must be holy. Through prayer, the Psalmist depicts holiness as a hunger to know and walk in God's ways. Paul's epistle reminds us that we belong to God as a holy building; as a temple. The key to this holiness is to be foolish to the world but wise to God. Finally, the parallels between the Gospel reading and our Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; text remind us that Jesus' Sermon on the Mount was a commentary on Old Testament Law. Moses and Jesus both remind us that holiness is as much about the shepherd's ethics as it is about worship.



## **STONEGATE CHURCH**

**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN**

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany – February 23, 2014*



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