

✠ 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**

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** "He Lives" #269 BH

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

Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ among us. Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our friends than it is about You, Resurrected Lord. When, with fearful souls and angry spirits, we choose death and despair, raise us up to new life, that we may be children of the resurrection, the Easter people You see in us. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives. Amen and Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup. God binds us in, counsels our minds and instructs our hearts. God helps us to stand firm for justice, mercy and peace. When we fall, God lifts us up, forgives us, and remembers our sins no more.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Gospel Reading** John 20:1-18;

**New Testament Reading** Colossians 3:1-4;

**Hymn** "Christ Arose" #273 BH

**Sermon**

Colossians 3:1-4;

***He Is Alive!***

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**Special Music** "Because He Lives" #449 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"

**Hymn** "In The Garden" #476 BH

**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** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #13 BH

**\*Benediction**

**The world had grown dark. For one who had died,  
Christ is risen indeed and goes with us now! We are Christ's body,  
We are Christ's feet. We are going into the world to be the body of  
Christ, and let us share the Good News!  
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

# In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

## Wednesday, April 23, 2014

6:00 p.m. Bible Study.  
Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans

## Thursday, April 24, 2014

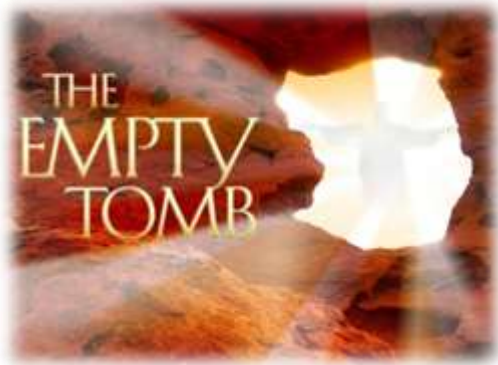
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

## Friday, April 25, 2014

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

## Sunday, April 27, 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

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



\* Please rise as you are able  
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#156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal  
Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal

### THEME IDEAS

How often do we really open our eyes to see the Risen Christ in our life. Mary weeps and questions before discovering that Jesus has risen and is standing with her in the garden. How many folks come to church expecting to encounter a living Savior? How many worship leaders live with that expectation? And so it is with the Easter story of our lives: we search, we question, we weep, and we wonder.

Then, Jesus calls us by name, the risen Christ is revealed, hope is restored, love's triumph is confirmed, and we run forth with the good news that Christ is alive and living still. Maybe this Easter will be an opportunity to establish the belief in our congregation that the resurrected Christ is with us - this very day and every day! Easter Sunday and every Sunday! Thanks be to God!

**ALLELUIA!**



## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*Easter Sunday - April 20, 2014*



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