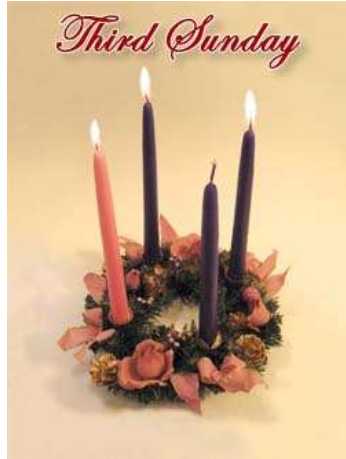


✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

**\*The Third Sunday of Advent**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

**The time of God's favor has come.**

Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing.

**We give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.**

Pray for the gift of joy from God:

**Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**

God's promises give us light in the darkness. Rejoice always!

**The Child of Joy is coming!**

On the Third Sunday of Advent:

**We light this candle in joy.**

**LIGHT THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CANDLE!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

"Joy to the World"

**#181 BH**

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

Merciful God, after two thousand years, we still don't quite know what we're looking for. We have heard John's fervent cry in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," but we're unsure what You want us to do. Our lives have continued on much as they were before. We have not listened to Your heralds and have not lived as if we truly believe. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us hear anew the cry of those who lead us in the ways of life. Tune our ears to Your heralds, that we too might testify to Your light. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

May the God of peace sanctify you, that your spirit and soul may be kept sound and blameless. The One who calls us is faithful and fashions us for the life that truly is life. Amen.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11;

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28;

Children's Time

Hymn

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**#196 BH**

Sermon

John 1:6-8, 19-28;

**AMONG YOU STANDS ONE WHOM YOU DO NOT KNOW**

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

**#184 BH**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

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**

"What Child Is This"

**#198 BH**

**\*Benediction**

Postlude

# In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

**Tuesday, December 16, 2014**

6:30-8:00 p.m. CARD MAKING CLASS

**Wednesday, December 17, 2014**

6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays, December – January, 2014/2015**

10:00 a.m. WILL NOT MEET UNTIL MID JANUARY.

**Friday, December 19, 2014**

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Breakfast Group

Yard and Building Work

**Sunday, January 4, 2015**

2:00 p.m. MUSICAL MATINEE AT ARMSTRONG

AUDITORIUM – Cost \$8.



*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 ☜

Rev. , Pastor

, Elder

, Pianist

, Singing

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able

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## THEME IDEAS

The One who restores Israel is the One who brings Good News: release to the captives, help to the oppressed, and joy to the brokenhearted. The One who restored Israel's fortunes in the time of Isaiah is the One who sent John to make straight the way of the Messiah. Now is the time to rejoice, to pray without ceasing, and to prepare for our salvation. Here we are to listen to Your voice.



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 14, 2014



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