≫ ENTRANCE ❖

For where two or three are gathered in my name, J am there among them. (Matthew $18:20^{NRSV}$)



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Listen for God's word this day.

May the word of Christ live richly within us.

Give thanks for God's good gifts.

We will sing hymns and songs of praise.

Rejoice and be glad in Christ, our Savior.

We will worship Christ in spirit and in truth.

*Opening prayer

*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

O God, You have chosen us for Yourself and yet we choose other paths, other roads, other priorities. Guide us back to You. Forgive us, gracious One: when we destroy harmony; when we wear anger like a cloak; when we weave discontent and malice into the fabric of our lives; and when we withhold forgiveness from one another. Clothe us with Your love and mercy that we may live as Your people and put on love and mercy. Dwell in us once more, that we may live as people of compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. Bind us together with Your powerful love that our love may be pure, and our actions may reflect the peace of Christ calling us into unity and harmony. Amen.

#199 BH

*Words of Assurance

Be thankful in this good news: Christ has forgiven us. Christ is forgiving us. Christ will forgive us. In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and clothed in love!

> PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ◆

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20;

Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52;

Children's Time

Hymn "Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come" #181 BH

Sermon Colossians 3:12-17;

"THIS IS A HIGH CALLING INDEED!"

& RESPONSE TO THE WORD &

Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #172 BH

*Affirmation of Faith

*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 - Hymn "Emmanuel" #201 BH

& SENDING FORTH &

*Closing Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #182 BH

*Charge & Benediction

May the word of Christ live in you richly.

May the love of God clothe you with compassion and kindness.

May the power of the Holy Spirit grant you peace,



In the Life of STONEGATE Family

Sunday, January 3, 2016

NOON - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS

2:00 p.m. MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETIN

2:00 p.m. – Mom's in Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 6:00 p.m. - BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. - NO LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, January 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY Breakfast / Adult Bible Study Sunday, January 10, 2016 -

COVENANT RENEWAL NEW YEAR SERVICE

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION NEWLY ELECTED ELDERS

(please spend some time in prayer and prepare yourself for Covenant Renewal with God – see copy of Bulletin for January 10, 2016)

2:00 p.m. - Mom's in Prayer Meeting

Sunday, January 17, 2016

NOON - CHURCH SESSION MEETING -

2:00 p.m. - Mom's in Prayer Meeting

& 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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Lead like Jesus...,

Lead to Jesus...,

Be led by Jesus...,

> WORSHIP LEADERS ◆

Rev. , Pastor , Pianist , Liturgist , Children's Time , Welcome and Announcements



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THEME IDEAS

Doing everything in the name of God is a high calling, and yet the entire membership of the Colossian church is called to do just that (Colossians 3:17). This is the calling and commitment that Hannah answered in dedicating Samuel to the temple, who in turn dedicated his entire life to God. By being in his "Father's house" as a young boy, Jesus was dedicating his life, words, and actions to God - even when it



stressed out his parents. The Psalmist calls every part of creation to proclaim God's praise. We are called and challenged to dedicate all that we do, and all that we say, in the name of Jesus, to the glory of God. This is a high calling indeed!

STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am 2nd Sunday After Christmas Day, January 3, 2016



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