

✠ 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*)

All who revere the Lord,  
Praise God! Honor God!

All who are in the Lord's house,  
Stand in awe of God!

All who have come to Stonegate Church,  
Worship God today and always!

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn "This Is the Day" #571 BH

\*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

Dear God, when we try to legislate your love with our conditions, forgive us. Help us resist the temptation to dismiss the miracles all around us, because they seem hard to believe. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our faith. In Abraham and Sarah, you have given us models of faith. Like them, empower us to be fully convinced that you are able to do all that you have promised. Forgive our doubts, and free us to rest secure in our faith. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

Our lives are in the hands of the One who raised Jesus from the dead.  
Rest assured that God's promise of abundant love will never be forgotten!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;

Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38;

Children's Time

Hymn "I Surrender All" #433 BH

Sermon Romans 4:13-25;

**"BEING FULLY CONVINCED"**

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Oh, How I Love Jesus" #560 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"

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #172 BH

\*Charge & Benediction

**Go in faith to live God's promises.  
Go in faith to follow Jesus Christ.  
Go in faith to be sustained by the Holy Spirit.  
Go in faith to serve God and your neighbor.  
Amen.**

Postlude



# In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

**Sunday, March 8, 2015,**  
3:00 p.m. MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL  
Ask Whitney for details

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**  
6:30 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, March 12, 2015**  
10:00 a.m. LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Friday, March 13, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Group  
Yard and Building Work

**Sunday, March 15, 2015,**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
**Noon - Church Session Meeting**



*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.



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☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☜

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, 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

Following Jesus is not about a specific set of beliefs, it is simply about faith. Peter held certain beliefs about how the Messiah would act, but Jesus tells him clearly that he's got it all wrong. Peter is not alone. The truth is, most of us get it wrong. We try so hard to believe, but we lose hope when logic gets in the way. From the unbelievable story of Abram and Sarai getting pregnant late in life to the amazingly good news of the incarnate Son of God, these scriptures offer us hope upon hope upon hope. All we need is faith.



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2015*



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