

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
(Matthew 18:20, NRSV)

The Cross is the Power of GOD and the Wisdom of GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

***Opening prayer**

***Call to Worship**

Pastor

Called by CHRIST,

We gather as one.

Blessed by GOD's wisdom,

We gather to learn.

Amazed by GOD's love,

We gather to worship.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading John 2:13-16;

Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

David Cost

Sermon Exodus 20:1-6 (7-17);

Pastor

"I AM the LORD your GOD."

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Near to the Heart of God"

458 BH

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor

When we set up barriers that prevent others from knowing the truth of YOUR love, forgive us and break down those walls. When we set up barriers in our own minds and lives that keep us from knowing the truth of YOUR love, break down our walls with YOUR grace. When we are confused by the world's wisdom, we break through our muddled minds and shine the clarity of YOUR teachings. Draw us ever closer to YOU, to one another, and to the beauty of YOUR wisdom and YOUR love. Amen.

***Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

CHRIST reduces the barriers we set up to dust and ashes that blow away to nothing in the power of his mercy and HIS grace. We are no longer divided or separated but are united in the wisdom and the love of GOD. **Praise be to God!**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor

***Doxology**

"Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

***Closing Hymn**

"Alleluia"

276 BH

If you would like to make a profession of faith, join the church, or simply pray at the altar, you may come during the closing hymn. We welcome you to our fellowship!

***Charge & Benediction**

Pastor

**Blessed by GOD'S wisdom, go now to refresh and renew others.
Guided by the HOLY SPIRIT go now to serve everyone.
Amazed by CHRIST'S love, go now to love one another.
Amen.**

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

I am grateful to God for all of you, and you are in my prayers. As we continue our journey through the Lent season, some are fasting and repent, and some spend more time on the Scripture readings and praying. Our faith is strengthened. We are strengthened by hope to celebrate the Easter joy. Yes, we continue the Lent's journey, but we are eager to celebrate joyfully with Hosanna and Alleluia in Easter Sunday worship, which starts on Palm Sunday. We pray through the entire Holy Week, and in the end, we will sing Alleluia joyfully. My only hope is to see you as soon as circumstances permit. Trust to God and remain faithful to Him. May His love and abundance of blessings comfort you entirely.

My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org

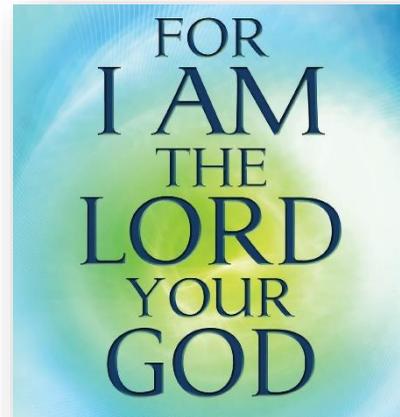
March 14, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

✠ 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.

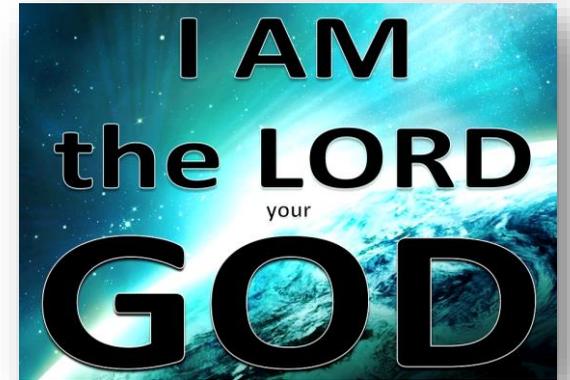


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THEME IDEAS

The beauty and mystery of GOD's law flow through today's Scriptures, even when that beauty and mystery compel JESUS to create chaos in the temple as Passover approaches. Paul proclaims the mysterious wisdom of the cross, and our Hebrew Scriptures proclaim the precious gift of GOD's commandments and teachings.



STONEGATE CHURCH
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.
The Third Sunday in LENT, MARCH 7, 2021



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

✠ WORSHIP LEADERS ✠

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
David Piatt & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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