

✠ 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*)

From the east and the west, from the north and the south,

**We come to dwell in God's steadfast love.**

God's love heals, forgives, and welcomes all! Worship God today and always!

**We are God's people, gathered from many places, to give thanks and to proclaim God's steadfast love.**

This gift of love has no end. Receive this gift with open hearts and open hands.

**We are ready to worship and to serve God.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" #657 BH

\*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

God of grace and mercy, Lent is often a difficult time for us. Our relationship with you is not what it could be. Following Jesus is hard work, and sin clings to our lives - breaking our relationships with one another, leading us away from you. Forgive us and help us turn back to you. May we walk this Lenten journey with you and with Christ, knowing it is Christ who redeems, forgives, and heals. May we follow Him, the light of life and the source of love. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters, God is rich in mercy, making us alive together in fellowship with Christ. By grace we have been saved. Receive forgiveness and live in abundant love!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:1-10;

Gospel Reading John 3:14-21;

Children's Time

Hymn "Living for Jesus" #545 BH

Sermon John 3:17-21;

**"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU"**

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Have Thine Own Way Lord" #544 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 "Take Time to Be Holy" #587 BH

\*Charge & Benediction

**Brothers and Sisters,  
go from this place knowing that you are loved and forgiven  
because of God's grace and mercy.  
Go in peace. Amen.**

Postlude



# In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

**Sunday, March 15, 2015,**  
 3:00 p.m. MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL  
 Ask Whitney for details  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2015,**  
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. CARD MAKING CLASS  
 WE WILL MEET AT 6:30 AT EDMOND MANSIONS  
 1301 NW 178<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
 Ask Valerie or Jeanette for details

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015**  
 6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY  
**Thursday, March 19, 2015**  
 10:00 a.m. LADIES BIBLE STUDY  
**Friday, March 20, 2015**  
 8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Group  
 Yard and Building Work  
**Sunday, March 22, 2015,**  
 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.



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☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☜

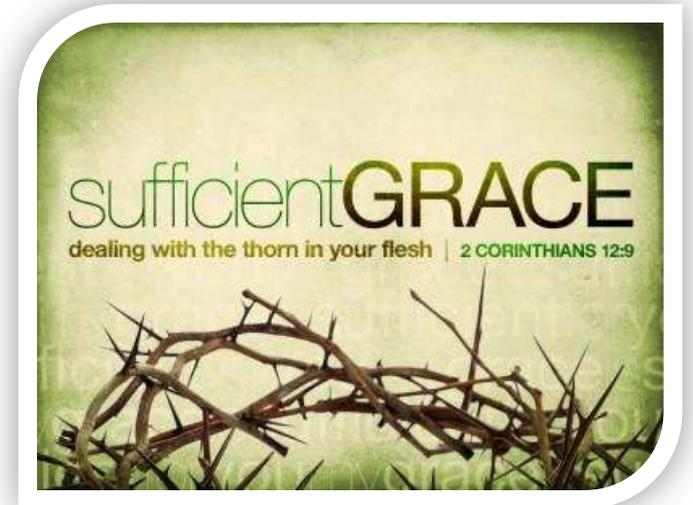
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- , Singing
- , Children's Time
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## THEME IDEAS

On this Fourth Sunday in Lent, themes of redemption, grace, mercy, and steadfast love abound. We give thanks for God's steadfast love, abounding mercy, and the endless grace that fill our lives. And we acknowledge Christ, who is the Son of God, as our light in the darkness. In the passage from Numbers, we remember that God's people have always complained, have always forgotten the providence of God, and have always turned away. But God never forgets, and God never turns away from us. The Psalmist calls the people to gather, remembering God's saving and healing powers, and offering thanksgiving and praise. The letter to the Ephesians reminds us that even though our lives might be marked by sin, grace is a gift from God - a gift that allows us to be faithful followers of Christ. And who is this Christ? John proclaims Christ to be the Son of God, the one who was sent to the world out of love.



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2015*



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