

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Christ calls us to the mountaintop to receive a new vision.

O Lord, help us to look forward to where You would have us go.

Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide in all your ways

Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you.

Open your hearts and spirits to receive Christ's glorious directions.

Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision He places before us.

*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But You have called us to "Listen to Him!" You have asked us to be ready for the journey. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and deliberate. Remind us that You are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where there is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to You. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Listen to Jesus. He will guide and care for you. Place your trust in Him, for He is God's chosen, God's beloved. His ways are the ways of peace and hope, and transformation. Amen.

*Hymn "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling" #417 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36;

Children's Time

Hymn "Where He Leads Me" #436 BH

Sermon Ephesians 3:14-21; Rev.

"TWO CHURCHES: IS IT TIME FOR A THIRD?"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Tell It to Jesus" #425 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

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

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

*Charge & Benediction

We have been to the mountaintop, we have been in the presence of those who have gone before, and we have been changed. Go now as transfigured people, endowed with understanding, strengthened by prayer, and empowered to glow for God. Go into a world that needs the warmth of that light, that the world might be transfigured in love and justice. Amen!

Postlude

In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, February 7, 2016 –
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY /
DENOMINATIONAL DAY; Congregational Lunch
 – Souper Bowl Sunday;
 2:00 p.m. – MOM’S IN PRAYER MEETING
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
 6:30 p.m. – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WITH
 IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Thursday, February 11, 2016
 10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY
 6:00 p.m. – CHURCH SESSION MEETING
Friday, February 11, 2016
 8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY Breakfast/Adult Bible Study,
Saturday, February 13, 2016
 9:00 a.m. – LIVING FREE CLASS
Sunday, February 14, 2016 –
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 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.



THEME IDEAS

Jesus was glowing in the dark; two visitors were in the air with Him. How did the disciples know it was Moses and Elijah? What does this whole episode have to say to twenty-first century folks? “Mountaintop experiences” – it is the phrase we use to describe those ultimate highs in life. Yet the reality of mountaintop experiences is that we don’t live there. It is not only Jesus who is transfigured. We, too, need to be transfigured by His life and His teachings – at some point, we have to come down. The key comes at the end of the story: God voiced “Listen to Him” after claiming Jesus for a second time – the first time occurring at His baptism. We are to listen to Jesus, who calls us through His life-teaching us the radical, transformative, transfiguring, active love of God and God’s people.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

Transfiguration Sunday / Denominational Day, February 7, 2016



Lead like Jesus...,

Lead to Jesus...,

Be led by Jesus...,

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☪ WORSHIP LEADERS ☪

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



* Please rise as you are able
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 Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal



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