## **≫** ENTRANCE ◆

For where two or three are gathered in my name, J am there among them.

(Matthew 18:20; NRSV)

# Follow Jesus

Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

Pastor

\*Opening prayer

\*Call to Worship Pastor

Did you hear the Good News?

The Kingdom of GOD has drawn near.

Do you trust the Good News?

We place our trust in JESUS, the one who calls us to follow HIM.

Do you have the courage to leave your former life behind?

We put our faith in the LORD, our rock and our salvation.

Trust the LORD.

We will follow JESUS.

# > PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20;

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Special Music David Cost

Sermon Mark 1:14-20; Pastor

"What Does JESUS' Words 'Follow Me' Mean to You!"

# > RESPONSE TO THE WORD ◆

Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 443 BH

\*Prayer of Confession Pastor

Mighty GOD, the words of YOUR SON echo in our ears: "The Kingdom of GOD has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News." How we long to set aside the advice of others and put our trust firmly in YOU. Renew us, HOLY ONE, and bless us with YOUR steadfast love, that we might truly live as people who have seen YOUR Kingdom draw near. Amen.

# \*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

GOD will forgive us when we turn to walk in the paths of life. Pour out your hearts before GOD, our refuge, and our strength. Pour out your hearts and find peace. You are forgiven. We are forgiven.

\*Affirmation of Faith Pastor

\*Doxology "Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion Pastor

# & SENDING FORTH &

\*Closing Hymn "I Surrender All" # 433 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

Go as Kingdom people, for the realm of GOD has come near.
Go with GOD'S blessings. Go to live as people of mercy and grace.
Go as GOD'S people, for that is who we are.

Amen.

**Postlude** Phyllis Turner

# In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

I am grateful to GoD for all of you. After 102 years, we and the world, are experiencing unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. We are strong in faith, we behave responsibly according to the situation, and we will soon be back to normal. Our hope is unprevailed by this situation. We are trained in patience and are experienced to overcome temporary restrictions.

My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org I assure you that you are in my prayers.

January 31, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

### & For Our Guests &

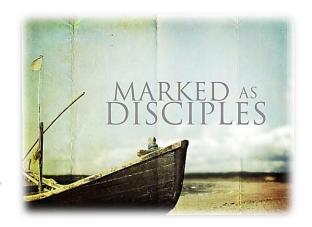
We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today. We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to GOD as we worship the true and living GOD together.







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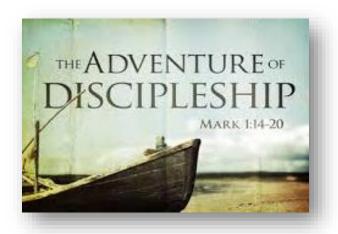
# & WORSHIP LEADERS &

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# THEME IDEAS

A sense of urgency marks this reading - a feeling that time is short, or is already at hand. JESUS proclaims that the time is fulfilled, for the Kingdom of GOD has come near. Whether the time is near, at hand, or seemingly over, faithful action is called for if true faith and repentance can save us. Through JESUS' calling, we are called to put our faith and trust in GOD, who is our Rock and our Salvation.



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERI AND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am Third Sunday after the Epiphany, JANUARY 24, 2021



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!