

✠ 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*)

Praise to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!

Praise be to God who offers God's love to us!

Let us sing continually of God's wisdom, and power, and might.

Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!

Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.

Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love for us. Amen.

*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

Jesus our Lord, we ask for Your forgiveness - for what we have done, but shouldn't have, and for what we should have done, but didn't. We yearn to hear Your voice, Our Shepherd, but we listen to our own voices instead. We want to care for our sisters and brothers, to comfort them when they hurt, and to give what we have to people who have less, but we choose to hoard our resources and time. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to forgive..., In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Children of God, hear these words of promise: Christ our Shepherd joyfully welcomes us back into the fold of love and freedom, teaching us to know his voice. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

*Hymn

"Revive Us Again"

#493 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30;

Children's Time

Hymn

"There's Something About That Name"

#317 BH

Sermon

Revelation 7:9-17;

"WHO ARE THESE ROBED IN WHITE...?"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#536 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

"Amazing Grace"

#104 BH

*Charge & Benediction

**Go forth from this place, as disciples of the Risen Christ,
to love and serve your neighbor and your God,
and to show others the wonder of our God,
who is both a Gentle Shepherd and a Righteous Lamb.
Go in peace and love! Amen.**

Postlude

In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, April 17, 2016

2:00 p.m. – MOMS IN PRAYER MEETING
 3:00 p.m. – LIVING FREE CLASS / LIFE BRIDGE PROJECT

Monday, April 18, 2016

9:00 a.m. – CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON FELLOWSHIP HALL REMODEL

Thursday, April 21, 2016

10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

Friday, April 22, 2016

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY BREAKFAST/ADULT BIBLE STUDY,

Sunday, April 24, 2016

2:00 p.m. – MOMS 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.



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WORSHIP LEADERS

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



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THEME IDEAS

It would be easy to focus on the words "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD" as the central theme of today's readings. Certainly there is no more beautiful and perfect description of a life lived in harmony with God than Psalm 23. No less important, however, is the passage from Revelation 7, "GOD WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES." The Lord is indeed our Shepherd, as Jesus explains in John 10. The Good Shepherd cares for the sheep, brings an end to suffering, and fulfills the promise of eternal life as described in Revelation and experienced firsthand by Peter in Acts.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am
 Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17, 2016



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