

✿ ENTRANCE ✿

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



Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

Prelude / Hymn "Open My Eyes, LORD" (Choir)

426 BH

*Opening prayer

Pastor

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor

GOD calls us to use our gifts for the building of God's Kingdom.
But we're afraid.

CHRIST urges us to find our courage and not look back.
But our gifts seem so small.

The SPIRIT offers us everything we need.
But we think that it is not enough.

Trust the gifts you have been given.
We will use our gifts as we worship GOD this day and always.

*Hymn "Spirit of the Living GOD" # 330 BH

✿ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✿

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30; Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Special Music "Amazing Grace - My Chains Are Gone" David Cost

Sermon Matthew 25:14-30; Pastor

✿ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✿

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in JESUS" # 154 BH

*Prayer of Confession Pastor

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU bless us with gifts that are uniquely our own. We long to use the talents YOU bestow upon us to build YOUR Kingdom. We yearn to live with gratitude for all that YOU have done for us and the opportunities YOU place before us. Clear our vision, HOLY ONE, and help us see the good we can do with the gifts and talents we have received. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

Rejoice, sisters and brothers, for our gifts and talents. Hear these words of assurance: "Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of YOUR MASTER." Use GOD's gifts and work for GOD's Kingdom: "We will serve the LORD forever." You are forgiven.

*Affirmation of Faith Pastor

The Celebration of the Holy Communion Pastor

✿ SENDING FORTH ✿

*Closing Hymn "'How Great Thou Art " (vs 1 & 4) # 6 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

Clothed in faith and showered in love go forth, shining with GOD'S gifts. Immersed in joy and bathed in hope, go forth with CHRIST'S love. Blessed with gifts far more precious than jewels, go forth with the fire of GOD'S SPIRIT. Amen

Offering "Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"

Postlude Phyllis Turner

"Am I a Faithful Steward of GOD'S Talents?"

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept us home and I started publishing my daily devotional and weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org.

Now we are back in our sanctuary. The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal," it is abnormal. We are children of GOD, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what is abnormal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

November 22, 2020 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

Be Strong, Never Give Up..., as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Good Days Will Return, And We Will Worship the LORD Together

☞ 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

Themes of coming judgment and redemption reminds us through today's readings that the Psalmist cries out for mercy to a GOD who hears our pleas. The Epistle warns that the day of the LORD is coming like a thief in the night, but that the righteous have nothing to fear if they remain vigilant and faithful to GOD. Finally, the Gospel recounts JESUS' parable of the talents and the judgment GOD metes out, based on how we use our gifts. Here, redemption is tied to stewardship - it comes to those who make the most of GOD's gifts, and to those who work for the Kingdom.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

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

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