

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

***29*Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?
Do all work miracles? *30*Do all possess gifts of healing?
Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?
*31*But strive for the greater gifts.
And I will show you a still more excellent way.**

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; NRSV)

Welcome and Announcements Ricky Tipps
***Hymn** "I Love You, Lord" # 555 BH
***Opening prayer** Ben Brown
***Call to Worship (Responsively) based on Nehemiah 8, Psalm 19, Luke 4** Pastor

This day is holy to our GOD; do not mourn or weep.
The SPIRIT of the HOLY ONE is upon us to bring Good News to the poor.
This day is holy to our GOD; for the joy of the HOLY ONE is our strength.
GOD sends us to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind,
and justice to the oppressed.
On this day, may the scripture be fulfilled in our hearing:
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasant to YOU,
HOLY ONE, our ROCK and our REDEEMER.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Pam Brown
Hymn "Love Lifted Me" # 107 BH
Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer Pastor
Special Music David Cost
Sermon 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Pastor

"The Unity of Many – E Pluribus Unum!"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

***Hymn** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" # 536 BH

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor

ROCK and REDEEMER, YOU call on us to remember that we are all members of one body in YOUR SPIRIT. Forgive us when we do not embody YOUR love, when we speak harshly to one another, and when we judge others in our hearts. Reclaim us when we refuse to hear YOUR word when spoken by those who do not look or sound as we expect. Remind us that when one of YOUR body suffers, all body suffers. Renew us when we forget that we are one body of our Heavenly Creator. Amen.

***Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

Hear the Good News: GOD heals our illusion of separateness and makes us one and whole.

In the name of JESUS CHRIST, you are forgiven.

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***Affirmation of Faith** Pastor

***Doxology** "Glory Be to the Father"

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

***Closing Hymn** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" # 446 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

**As living members of the Holy Body of CHRIST,
may we see the face of the HOLY ONE in everyone we meet.
May we hear GOD'S Holy Word in every sound and voice we hear.
Go in peace to love and serve one another. Amen**

Postlude Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Thursday, January 27, 2022;
10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Friday, January 28, 2022;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 30, 2022;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP

You Are All Invited

The Pastor's weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org

☞ 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

The passages from Nehemiah and Luke remind us that GOD's desire for all people includes release from all forms of captivity, whether literal or figurative. They also illustrate GOD's desire for restoration, wholeness, and healing. For Christians, this wholeness is not just understood individually, but communally as the body of CHRIST. As Paul puts it, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it, if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it" (1 Cor. 12:26 ^{NRSV}).



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, JANUARY 23, 2022



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

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

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