

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***The first Sunday of Advent**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

We light candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, remembering the promises of God with Prayer.

On the First Sunday of Advent:

We light this candle in hope. LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE!

***Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #199 BH**

Hanging of the green

***A Prayer for the Beginning of Advent (in Unison)**

Oh, God our Father, you who gave your beloved Son to ransom all people, see our human fears and love us anyway. Guide us through this season with quiet and joy and anticipation. Help us to pay attention to the local community and its people among us. Give us a spirit of reflection, patience, kindness, generosity and understanding with each other, and hearts filled with thanks. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dedication ideas

People choose to participate in dedication ceremonies when they want to acknowledge stewardship of a person, place or thing. Parents dedicate their children to God and ask for baptism, acknowledging that children come from God and that they accept the responsibility for caring for their children. Our Church dedicates the entire multimedia system and the recently planted Christmas tree into God's service.

(Ps. 92:1-4) ¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to YOUR name, O MOST HIGH;

² to declare YOUR steadfast love in the morning, and YOUR faithfulness by night,

³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

⁴ For You, O LORD, have made me glad by YOUR work; at the works of YOUR hands I sing for joy.

Eternal, caring GOD, creator of all, we give you thanks; YOUR love, O LORD, is everlasting.

For the freedom we enjoy to worship YOU, and with joyful hearts we thank YOU, O LORD.

For the faithfulness of the saints who have gone before us, for the faithfulness of all the generous people and their hearts, and for their generosity of spirit which built up this community of faith; with joyful hearts we thank YOU, O LORD. Remembering their faithfulness, and honoring their generosity, we dedicate this multimedia sound system and TV screens to YOUR worship and praise, and to the glory of YOUR name, O LORD OUR GOD, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

For the bravery and courage of all our Veterans; for their devotion and sacrifices to protect our Country and defend our peace.

With joyful hearts we thank YOU, O LORD. Remembering their faithfulness, and honoring their courage, we dedicate this planted Christmas tree, to YOUR worship and praise, and to the glory of YOUR name, as a visible sign of their heroism, O LORD OUR GOD, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #176 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3:9;

Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-27;

Children's Time

Hymn "Away in a Manger" #205 BH

Sermon 1 Corinthians 1:3:9;

YOU WERE CALLED INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST.

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Oh How He Loves You and Me" #170 BH

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Special Music

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

***Benediction**

Postlude

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Noon – Lunch at Veranda

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

6:30 p.m. CARD MAKING CLASS

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 4, 2014

10:00 a.m. LADIES BIBLE STUDY.

Friday, December 5, 2014

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Breakfast Group

Yard and Building Work

Saturday, December 6, 2014,

5:30 p.m. Lighting Christmas Tree

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Noon – 3:00 p.m. PARENTS' SHOPPING DAY



Lead like Jesus...

Lead to Jesus...

Be led by Jesus...

THEME IDEAS

The season of Advent proclaims the coming of Christ, whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. In today's lessons, the prophet Isaiah calls on God to "tear open the heavens," that the nations might tremble and confess their need for divine intervention. The psalmist urges the people to cry out for restoration from exile, and to seek the light of God's salvation. Paul, likewise, points to the end times and the coming Day of the Lord, urging Jesus' followers to faithfully share their spiritual gifts. In the Gospel text, Jesus cautions his followers to be alert and to watch for signs of the end times and Christ's return in glory.



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.



WORSHIP LEADERS

, Pastor
 , Elder
 , Pianist
 , Singing
 , Children's Time
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* Please rise as you are able
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 #156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal
 Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

1st Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2014

A Dedication Service of Our Multimedia System and Veterans Live Christmas Tree

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