

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

He will baptize you with the HOLY SPIRIT and fire.

Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

*Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

453 BH

*Opening prayer

Ricky Tipps

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor

Sing praises to the LORD. Sing of GOD'S glory and strength.

GOD calls us over the waters, and strengthens us for the journey.

Sing praises to CHRIST. Sing of CHRIST'S healing and love.

The waters of our baptism cleanses us, renewing our spirits and nursing our wounds.

Sing praises to the SPIRIT. Sing of the SPIRIT'S comfort and hope.

The flames of the SPIRIT are like a refiner's fire, purifying the soul to the glory of GOD.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22;

Valerie Tipps

Hymn "Be Still, My Soul"

514 BH

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

David Cost

Sermon Acts 8:14-17;

Pastor

"The Power of the Baptism"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

*Hymn "His Name Is Wonderful"

315 BH

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor

Divine Spirit, descend upon us this day, as YOU descended upon JESUS on the day of HIS baptism. In the midst of our brokenness, we long to be touched by YOU with YOUR love. In the presence of evil all around us, we yearn to be protected by the holy fire of YOUR sustaining SPIRIT. As we remember, with gratitude, our baptism this day, remind us that we are a people of the water - a people made one and whole, through the SPIRIT made known in CHRIST JESUS. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

Do not worry, sisters and brothers, for God has redeemed you and called you by name. Do not worry, children of the promise, for God is with us even now, gathering the lost into the light of everlasting love and faithfulness. **Praise and thanks be to God!**

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor

*Doxology "Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

215 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

GOD calls us by name and fashions us for glory. Go as people washed clean in the waters of baptism. Go forth and live the Good News that the HOLY SPIRIT blesses us and seals us in GOD'S love. Go as people blessed by GOD, that we might be a blessing to others.

Amen

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Thursday, January 13, 2022;
10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Friday, January 14, 2022;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 16, 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 power to protect GOD's people is seen through the giving of the HOLY SPIRIT (*Acts 8 and Luke 3*). The people GOD called by name, the people GOD accompanied through fire and water, have been given a new blessing - the power of GOD's very SPIRIT. This blessing is not just for the Jews, but for Samaritans and all who accept JESUS as the MESSIAH, the chosen one of GOD. With this blessing, however, comes judgment. These readings warn us against complacency and being cavalier about the power of our baptism. The awesome power of GOD's HOLY SPIRIT is nothing to toy with.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

*Baptism of the LORD, JANUARY 9, 2022
Ordination & Installation of Newly Elected Elders*



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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