

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship (in Unison)**

Christ calls: "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened."

**In Christ, we find rest.**

Christ calls, "Bear my yoke and learn from me."

**In Christ, we see God's ways.**

Christ promises, "I am gentle and humble in heart."

**In Christ, we know God's love.**

Christ proclaims, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**In Christ, we find strength.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** "The Star Spangled Banner" #644 BH

**\*Confession of Sins (in Unison)**

Merciful God, we do not understand our own actions - we do not do the things we want, yet we do the very things we detest. Forgive our foolish ways. Reclaim us as children of Your promise. Give us the strength and the courage to bear Your yoke willingly and heed Your call faithfully.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

In Christ, God's yoke is made easier, God's burden lighter. For in Christ, we are made perfect, even in our imperfection. Thanks be to God! You are forgiven!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 24:42-49, 58-67;

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 11:25-30;

Children's Time

**Hymn** "Lead Me to Calvary" #251 BH

Sermon

Matthew 11:25-30;

***Yoke and Burden...***

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**Hymn** "Amazing Grace" #104 BH

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed

**\*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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Partaking of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer



✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

**\*Closing Hymn** "America the Beautiful" #641 BH

**\*Benediction**

**Go forth with the grace of Jesus Christ,  
who carries us as we bear the yoke of following.  
Go forth with praise for God and living with Christ! Amen.**

Postlude



# In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

## Wednesday, July 9, 2014

7:00 p.m. Bible Study.

## Friday, July 11, 2014

8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group  
Yard and Building Work

5:30 p.m. **Church Party at Cowan's**;  
look at insert for full address and directions

## Sunday, July 13, 2014

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Noon - Church Session Meeting



*Lead like Jesus...*

*Lead to Jesus...*

*Be led by Jesus...*

### 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

, Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able

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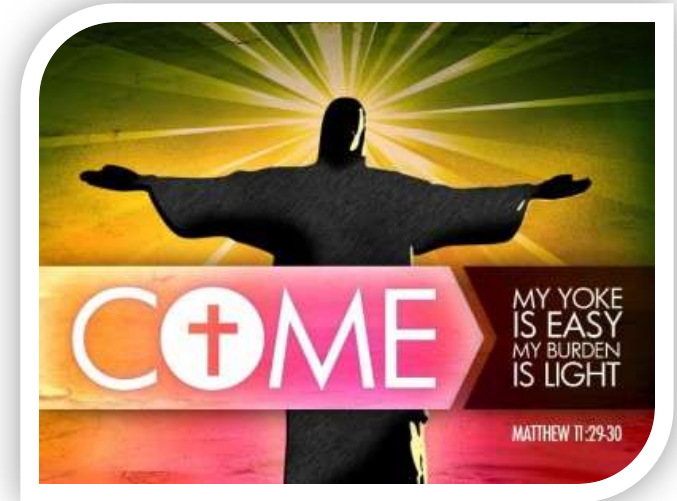
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### THEME IDEAS

Today, the yoke is seen in a variety of settings. Abraham's servant travels far from home to find a wife for Isaac. Rebekah, with the blessing of her family, travels far from her home to marry Isaac. Paul delights in God's law, even as he struggles to live the righteous life demanded by that law. All of these yokes bring joy that lighten our load, for we are following God. But these yokes also bring the burden of rejection, of unfamiliar journeys, and of frustration as we seek, with mixed results, to follow faithfully at every step.

We often wrestle with ourselves, giving in to selfish urges instead of doing what is right. Take heart! Forgiveness is ours through God's gentle and gracious heart. Jesus invites us to exchange this heavy burden for His light yoke and find rest in Him.



## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - July 6, 2014*



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