

✿ ENTRANCE ✿

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



**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn** "Oh, How I Love Jesus" (vs. 1 & 2)

**\*Opening prayer** (Scripture Reading, 1 John 1:1-3)

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Come, walk in the light, because of Christ.

**We walk together as children of light and love because of Christ.**

Come, gather in the love of GOD.

**We gather together as children of light and love.**

Come, live in the unity of GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

**We live together as children of light and love.**

✿ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✿

**Gospel Reading** John 20:19-31;

**Hymn** "There's Something About That Name"

**Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music**

**Sermon** John 20:19-31;

Ricky Tipps

**# 560**

Andy Turner

Pastor

Phyllis Turner

**# 317 BH**

Pastor

David Cost

Pastor

*"Peace Be with You."*

✿ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✿

**Hymn** "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

**# 426 BH**

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Pastor

OH LORD, YOU know us so very well. YOU know our doubts and our questions, and YOU love us enough to welcome such doubts and questions. YOU know our fractures and divisions, and YOU love us enough to invite us to forgive one another and live in unity. Thank YOU for loving us and for inviting us on the journey of love. Help us embrace this journey, that we may walk in the light, and live in unity together. In YOUR gracious love, we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

GOD is faithful in love and grace, making our confession welcome and cleansing for the soul. Rejoice! We are children of light. Even when we hesitate, God's love is strong enough to bring us back to the light of forgiveness and grace. **Alleluia! Praise be to GOD!**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor

**\*Doxology**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**The Celebration of the Holy Communion**

Pastor

✿ SENDING FORTH ✿

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**# 405 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

**Peace be with you. Go, live in the light of unity and love. Go, live in the light of faith and hope. Go, live in the light of GOD for all the world to know. When you will walk, May peace be with you. Amen.**

**Postlude**

Phyllis Turner

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

Hello, Church Family.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen, indeed! Now we are back in our sanctuary, and we are celebrating joyfully with Alleluias – Christ is Risen during Easter time worship. I want to encourage each of us and all of us, to bravely and reasonably, faithfully, and actively participate in all church activities as they are announced. With precaution and carefulness, let us demonstrate our trust and faith in the Lord. Let us worship together as we usually practiced it before the pandemic situation. May His love and abundance of blessings comfort you entirely, and may your hearts remain full of hope.

My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org)

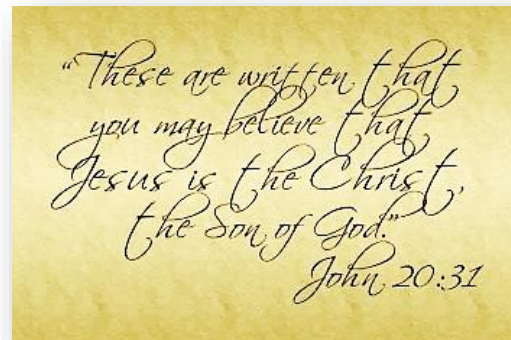
Sunday, April 18, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

### ☞ 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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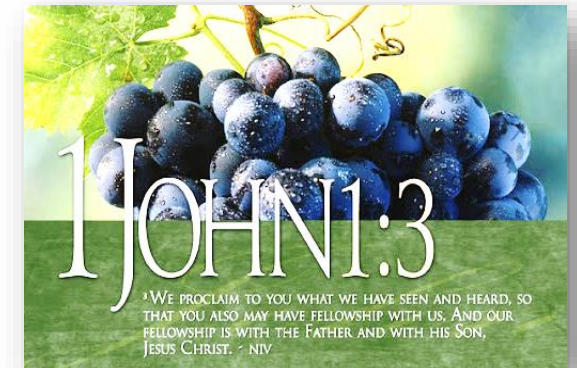
### ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

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

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## THEME IDEAS

There is power in the gathered fellowship of believers. The earliest believers trusted this power so completely that they shared everything in common. Thomas missed Easter evening resurrection appearance because he was absent from the fellowship of Disciples. Yet, when they were again gathered together, JESUS came into their midst - and Thomas found faith abundant. A true fellowship is a fellowship of the gathered children of light, with the source of light, who is CHRIST JESUS. We discover such power when we live in unity with CHRIST in our very midst, bonding us together and lighting our journey of faith.



## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.*  
*Second Sunday of Easter, APRIL 11, 2021*



**Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!**