

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

*As GOD'S chosen ones,
holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience.*

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

GOD'S love has come to earth to dwell with us.

Sing for joy with the angels.

We are GOD'S chosen people, loved and cherished.

Sing for joy with the angels.

The birth of LOVE has changed us forever. Sing for joy with the angels.

Let us sing, praise, rejoice, and worship together!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52;

Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Sermon Luke 2:41-52;

"Who Are You Searching?"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

*Hymn "What Child Is This"

Ricky Tipps

181 BH

Andy Turner

Pastor

Phyllis Turner

206 BH

Pastor

David Cost

Pastor

198 BH

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor

GOD, YOU are the Father of all creation. We, YOUR children, love YOU passionately, but sometimes we turn our back on YOU. Sometimes we pretend we don't need YOU anymore. GOD, forgive us. Feed us with the Bread of Heaven. Teach us with YOUR wisdom. Tell us YOUR stories. Dress us once more in the clothing of YOUR love, that we may sing YOUR praises in perfect harmony. Amen!

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

You are GOD'S chosen ones, holy and beloved! GOD has already forgiven you.

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*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor

*Doxology "Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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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

You are GOD'S chosen ones, holy and beloved. So clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and love. You have been called into the one body, where CHRIST is the ruler. So be thankful, therefore, and teach others the Way of CHRIST. And whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do everything, everything in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Go in CHRIST'S peace.

Amen

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Sunday, December 26, 2021;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP

Friday, December 31, 2021;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 2, 2022;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP

Sunday, January 9, 2022;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION NEWLY ELECTED TWO ELDERS

You Are All Invited

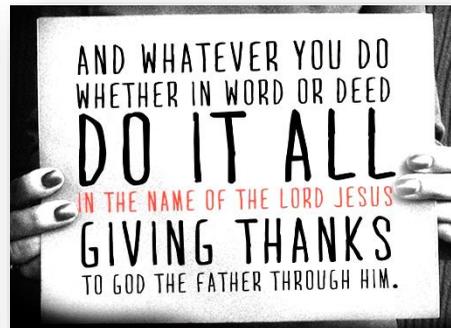
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☞ For Our Guests ☞

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

Well, it's the day after Christmas and JESUS is now..., twelve years old? Where does the time go?! Actually, that question is at the heart of how we structure our liturgical calendar, year in and year out. We know that JESUS grows to be a curious and wise twelve-year old, and then a compassionate and prophetic adult, and then a radical and redemptive SAVIOR, but we need to take time to rehearse and relive those stories every year in order to rehearse and relive our response. May we sing with the angels, clothe ourselves with love, and make sure that everything we do is in the name of CHRIST JESUS.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas Day, DECEMBER 26, 2021



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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