

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!*

(2 Corinthians 5:17; NRSV)

Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

*Hymn "Close to Thee"

479 BH

*Opening prayer

Daniel Moore

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor

Like a loving Father, GOD offers us freedom to choose our own path.

In GOD's freedom, we are a new creation.

Like a merciful Father, GOD offers us compassion when we lose our way.

In GOD's mercy, we are a new creation.

Like a forgiving Father, GOD welcomes us home with open arms.

Let us worship the ONE who makes all things new.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;

Whitney Moore

Hymn "Nothing But the Blood" (vs 1 & 4)

223 BH

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

David

Sermon 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;

Pastor

"From Now On"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

*Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (vs 1 & 3) # 657 BH

*Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor

In YOUR love, O GOD, we are never lost. In YOUR care, O CHRIST, we are ever found. Help us feel this truth in our very bones, for we are often far from home, unsure of how to return. Teach our shut-up hearts to embrace YOUR hope. Teach our shrunken souls to cry out to YOU. For we long to taste the glory of YOUR heavenly banquet, and we yearn to be held in YOUR arms as beloved children. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

Hold fast to these words of assurance:

"If anyone is in CHRIST, there is a new creation, everything old has passed away!" In CHRIST, from now on, we are reconciled indeed, for we have found our true home. **Thanks and Praise be to God!**

*Affirmation of Faith

*Doxology "Glory Be to the Father"

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn "Only Believe" # 512 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

**In CHRIST, we are a new creation. In CHRIST, you have a true home.
In CHRIST, those who were lost find new life.
In CHRIST, you are invited to GOD's heavenly banquet.
In CHRIST, we reside with the saints.
Go in peace, Amen.**

Postlude Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Thursday, March 31, 2022;
10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Friday, April 1, 2022;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 3, 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

When the youngest son returns home in Luke's parable of the prodigal son, the father tells his servant, "Get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found!" (Luke 15:23-24^{NRSV}). Herein lies a central insight of the Good News, indeed of all Scripture: there is something worse than death, and that is to be lost; and there is something better than life, and that is to be found. The prophets came to reconcile the chosen people to GOD. CHRIST came to reconcile the whole world to GOD. When we follow GOD faithfully, we eat from the bounty of the land. When we follow CHRIST faithfully, we are a new creation - for we were lost, but, from now on, we are found.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in LENT, MARCH 27, 2022



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

✿ WORSHIP LEADERS ✿

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

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