

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

Share
Your
Faith!

Ricky Tipps

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Taken up to heaven, Christ sets us truly free.

Jesus, give us the power to be servants of your love!

Taken up to heaven, Christ asks us what we truly want.

Jesus, give us the power to be servants of your love!

Taken up to heaven, Christ offers us God's Kingdom.

Jesus, give us the power to be servants of your love!

*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Merciful Lord, we know that you want the best for us. Yet we are hesitant in our commitment to You and to ministries of peace. We want good things to happen. We just aren't sure that we are up to the tasks You set before us. Forgive us when we so easily doubt Your call, Your presence, and Your abiding love. Lift us up from lives of self-pity and self-centeredness, and bring us to You with hearts filled with joy, praising you for opportunities to witness to Your love in our service to Your people. Heal us and restore us, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Although following Jesus is difficult, you can be assured that God is always with you, bringing you encouragement, strength, and peace. Rise up and follow the one who offers His life for you.

*Hymn "In the Sweet By and By"

#605 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Near to the Heart of God"

#458 BH

Sermon

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14;

"WHERE IS THE LORD, THE GOD OF ELIJAH?"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"In the Garden"

#476 BH

*Affirmation of Faith

*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

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"Wonderful Words of Life"

#338 BH

*Charge & Benediction

**You have been healed and restored in Christ Jesus.
Go in peace, proclaiming the good news of God's absolute,
eternal love through ministries of peace and hope.
Amen.**

Postlude

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, June 26, 2016

2:00 p.m. – MOMS IN PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, June – August, 2016

BIBLE STUDY - SUMMER BREAK

Thursday, June 30, 2016

9:30 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY as Scheduled

10:30 a.m. – **fellowship**

11:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY as Scheduled

Friday, July 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, July 3, Celebrating 4th July,

2:00 p.m. – MOMS IN PRAYER MEETING

**Friday – Sunday, July 15 – 17, 2016 Mark Your
Calendar for Celebrating Stonegate Church Reunion,**

2:00 p.m. – MOMS IN PRAYER MEETING



☪ 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. , Pastor

, Pianist

, Liturgist

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



* Please rise as you are able

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THEME IDEAS

It is both costly and rewarding to keep company with Jesus as He turns toward Jerusalem. His deliberate choice means facing conflict, rejection, condemnation, and death. Luke's Gospel identifies this choice, not as Jesus' passion, but as His ascension. Called to follow Jesus on this journey, we may see these passages as a test: Don't be like the casual hangers-on who weren't fit to follow Jesus, but be as faithful and tenacious as Elisha. But as Christians, we can take heart, remembering that Jesus' closest friends and disciples failed Him on His journey toward Jerusalem, the cross, and His ascension. It was not their steadfast loyalty but Jesus' resurrection that made them successors in His mission, and that called them, and us, to be His Church.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

6th Sunday after Pentecost, June 26, 2016



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