

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Invocation

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. *Light the first candle.*

We light this candle for peace. *Light the second candle.*

We light this candle in joy. *Light the third (pink, if used) candle.*

We light this candle with love. *Light the fourth candle.*

Hear the Word of the Lord from Micah 5:2-5a.

*Let us pray:

God of HOPE, God of PEACE, God of JOY, and God of LOVE,
Teach us how to love one another as reflections of Your light in the world.
God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come, please come. Amen!

*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Loving God, even in the midst of this Season of goodwill, there is much to confess. In spite of holiday cheer, stress and anxiety rule our lives too often we miss the reason for the Season, focusing instead on Christmas parties, long to-do lists, and trying to get the shopping done. We fail to think about Your Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Help us adjust our Christmas priorities, that we might join with You, O God, in preparing a world that welcomes the ONE who brings us LOVE, JOY, HOPE and PEACE. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

The ancient promises of God are fulfilled. God does not forget us.
God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Let our souls rejoice in God!

*Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #179 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

*Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45;

Children's Time

Special Music

"Mary, Did You Know..."

Sermon

Luke 1:49;

"LOVE!"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#184 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

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

#181 BH

*Charge & Benediction

**Blessed are you when you carry Christ's Love to the world.
Blessed are we when we carry Christ's Hope, Peace, Joy
and Love to the world. Assured by faith, our expectation for Christ
is with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love,
We go forth to bless the world! Amen!**

Postlude



In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, December 20, 2015

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, December 24, 2015

6:30 a.m. – CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Friday, December 25, 2015

8:00 a.m. – NO FRIDAY BREAKFAST / ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, December 27, 2015

NOON – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –

ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S 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.



THEME IDEAS

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, like Mary, we are excited with expectation. Something amazing is coming on Christmas Day, and we can hardly wait. Even if we don't feel this way as Christmas approaches, today's scriptures call us to joyous expectation. When Micah prophesies to Bethlehem, he proclaims a joyous hope for one who will come forth to bring security and peace, and nurture and strength, to the entire nation. As Christmas approaches, remember to be alert and ready, and excited with expectation. Only then may we notice the amazing miracle of Christmas anew; only then may we receive the blessings of Christ's presence with LOVE, JOY, PEACE and HOPE.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

4th Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2015



Lead like Jesus...

Lead to Jesus...

Be led by Jesus...

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. , Pastor

, Pianist

, Liturgist

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



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