

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

God is here in this place, calling all God's children to worship with their whole lives.

We come, bringing our faith made alive through works of love and mercy.

Come, trusting that God will always respond to our need.

We come in trust and joy and faith and deeds.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** "Near to the Heart of God" #458 BH

***Confession of Sins (in Unison)**

God of mercy and justice, You call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to speak and act with mercy and grace. We have failed to be impartial, and have abused our power. Reframe and redirect our actions, Lord, that beauty, truth, and justice may prevail throughout Your creation. Help each one of us, Lord, to be rich in faith, love, and generosity. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Mercy overrules judgment, love overcomes hatred, and God's embrace reaches out to all people. Be at peace with yourselves and with others, knowing that God's mercy endures forever.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading John 3:6-8;

Children's Time

Hymn "Are You washed in the Blood" #229 BH

Sermon "Acts 2:42-47"

"THE SPIRIT FILLED CHURCH"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "In the Sweet By and BY" #605 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"

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

***Closing Hymn** "There's Something about that Name" #317 BH

***Charge & Benediction**

**Go now in peace – loving one another in Christ's name.
Go now with Christ Jesus – who healed the sick, the rich, and the
poor, the saint and the sinner.
Go now with the Holy Spirit – who comforts, inspires, and offers
direction. Go now in peace – and may the loving embrace of our God
be with you this day and forevermore. Amen.**

Postlude

In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, September 10, 2015

10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, September 11, 2015

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Group

Yard and Building Work

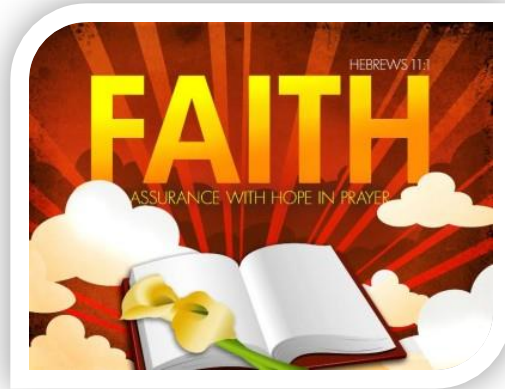
Sunday, September 13, 2015

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

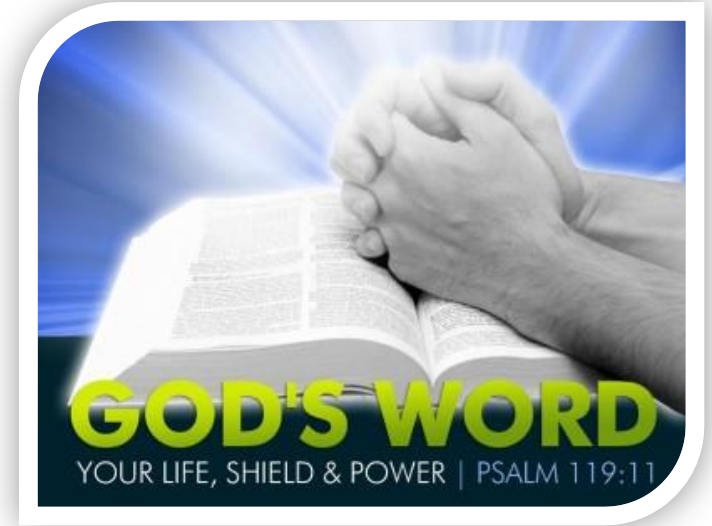
For Our Guests

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

Woven into the thread of this week's readings is a simple fact: Barriers are consistently being broken down by Jesus - barriers of rich and poor, insider and outsider, body and spirit. God welcomes all, and we are called to do likewise. Another theme is the universal desire for healing and wholeness, and that God's healing embraces everyone. Faith in action is made manifest when we genuinely care for the least of these, the hurting, and the vulnerable. Healing gestures contribute to the wellness of the individual as well as the community, and reflect our faith in God.



Lead like Jesus...,

Lead to Jesus...,

Be led by Jesus...,

STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 2015

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 , Pianist
 , Singing
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