

✿ ENTRANCE ✿

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Let all people sing praises to the Lord.
Let the whole world give glory to the Lord.
Let heaven rejoice. Let the whole world rejoice.
We sing for joy. The Lord is coming.
Christ is coming. Christ is here. Hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn "What Child Is This" #198 BH

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7;

Scripture Reading Titus 2:11-14;

Christmas Eve: CHRIST CANDLE

Today we celebrate the birth of Christ. Forever we celebrate the power of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE God gives as great gifts. May we share them wherever we go.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Call to Worship (responsively)

This is a night of deep mystery—
a night when heaven comes to earth.

This is a night of great love—
a night when a child is born for us.

This is a night of incredible joy—
a night when angels sing to shepherds.

Glory to God in the highest! Peace to all on earth.

*Opening Prayer (in Unison)

Emmanuel, Light of the World, Prince of Peace, draw close to us we pray. In the darkness of this night, fill us with your light as we sing your message of peace with choirs of angels. Open our eyes to love born anew. Open our hearts to wonder at your love, that we may reflect your glory. Amen.

Words of Joy

Rejoice and be glad: The grace of God has appeared, bringing hope. A child is born, bringing peace. This is God's gift to us this night: a gift of forgiveness, a gift of peace, a gift of a new beginning. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith (in Unison)

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Journey to Bethlehem...

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #199 BH

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20;

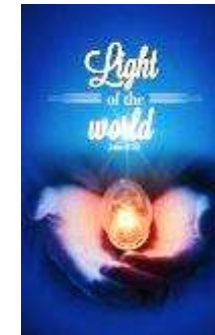
Hymn "O, Holy Night" #194 BH

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Lighting the Christmas Candles

*Benediction



May the song of the angels delight you.
May the joy of the shepherds be yours.
May you ponder all these things in your hearts.
May God's peace be yours this holy night!
Go with haste to find your Savior. Amen!

*Closing Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" #206 BH

Postlude



In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, December 28, 2014;
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Wednesday, December 31, 2014 - CANCELED
 6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays, December - January, 2014/2015
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - New Year Break
 WILL NOT MEET UNTIL MID JANUARY.

Friday, January 2, 2015 - No Activity
 8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group
 Yard and Building Work
Sunday, January 4, 2015; EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
 Noon - Lunch at Veranda Restaurant ???
 2:00 p.m. Armstrong Auditorium northeast of Edmond off Waterloo and Bryant is having a world-class biblical musical... The Story of Isaiah.



Lead like Jesus...,
Lead to Jesus...,
Be led by Jesus...,



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.



WORSHIP LEADERS
 , Pastor
 , Worship Leader
 , Music
 , Welcome and Announcements



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 #156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal
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THEME IDEAS
 On this night, we hear Isaiah's promise of a child who will bring light, peace, justice, and righteousness. Psalm 96 summons all creation to sing for joy at the Lord's coming, for righteousness and truth shall mark God's realm. The epistle reflects on the theological meaning of the Incarnation: In Jesus we see God's grace and experience salvation. And Luke recounts the birth of Jesus. On this holy night: Isaiah speaks of peace, the psalmist sings of joy, Paul writes of peace, and Luke proclaims love incarnate.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Candle Light Service 6:30 pm
Christmas Eve - December 24, 2014
A Journey to Bethlehem...



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