

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



**Welcome and Announcements**

Daniel Moore

**Prelude / Hymn** "Something Beautiful"

Choir

**\*Opening prayer**

Pastor

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Pastor

Leave your well-worn paths and walk with GOD.

**But we are secure where we are.**

Walk in new paths and you will be blessed. Receive God's blessing to be a blessing to others.

**Can't GOD bless us on our own turf?**

If you will walk in faith, GOD will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you.

**Lead on, O GOD, YOUR faithful people await.**

**\*Hymn** "Trust and Obey"

# 500 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

**Scripture Reading** John 3:1-17;

Valerie Tipps

**Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer**

Pastor

**Vision, Encouragement & Challenge,**

**Children's Time**

Valerie Tipps

**Special Music** "Your Grace Still Amazes Me"

David Cost

**Sermon**

John 3:1-8, 16;

Pastor

***"For This Reason It Depends On Faith"***

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**Hymn**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

# 68 BH

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Pastor

Maker of heaven and earth, lift our eyes to the hills, that we might find our help in times of trial. Like Nicodemus before us, we long to lift our gaze from the ground and behold YOUR blessed face calling us to follow YOU. Like YOUR disciples of old, we pray to be found faithful in YOUR presence. Teach our hearts anew to trust YOUR SPIRIT and the promise of YOUR blessings. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

Pastor

As Abraham before us, we are blessed by GOD, that we might be a blessing to others. Turn to those around you and offer words of blessing and peace.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor

**Offering/\*Doxology** "Praise GOD, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**The Celebration of the Holy Communion**

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

**\*Closing Hymn**

"There's Something About That Name"

# 317 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**

Pastor

**Hear the words of the Psalmist.**

**"The LORD is your keeper. The LORD is your shade at your right hand. The LORD will keep you from all evil. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."**

**Go with the blessings of GOD.**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

Phyllis Turner

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

**Sunday, March 8, 2020;**

9:30 a.m. – **Sunday School**

10:45 a.m. – **Praise & Worship**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020;**

2:00 p.m. – **Anna's Tea**

6:30 p.m. – **Card Making Night**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020;**

6:30 p.m. – **Green Pancake Supper**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020;**

10:00 a.m. – **Women's Bible Study**

**Friday, March 13, 2020;**

8:30 a.m. – **FRIDAY'S MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP**

9:00 a.m. – **FRIDAY'S FEARLESS FRIENDS' BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, March 14, 2020;**

10:00 a.m. – **Choir Rehearsal**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020;**

9:30 a.m. – **Sunday School**

10:45 a.m. – **Praise & Worship**

*You Are All Invited*

### ☞ 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

The reading from the Gospel of John speak of GOD's blessings, that we might be a blessing to others. Jesus assures us that GOD's Son was not sent into the world to condemn the world, but to save it (John 3:17). How can our response to GOD be anything less than extending that blessing to others? Psalm 121 makes it clear that the ONE who helps us and keeps us from evil is the same GOD who created the heavens and the earth.



## *STONEGATE CHURCH*

*CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN*

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*The Second Sunday in LENT, March 8, 2020*

### ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☜

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*

Valerie Tipps, *Elder*

Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*

Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*

David Cost, *Special Music*

Valerie Tipps, *Children's Time*

Daniel Moore, *Welcome and Announcements*

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