

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship (in Unison)**

God's word is being sown in our very lives.

**Listen, my heart, to God's word this day.**

Christ's teachings are being scattered and sown in this very room.

**Open, my soul, and receive the seeds of Christ's wisdom.**

The Spirit is here to nourish and strengthen us.

**Grow, my spirit, and be fertile ground for a life bearing the fruit of Christ's love in all that I say and in all that I do. Amen.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** "He Keeps Me Singing" #148 BH

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

Strong and strengthening God, forgive us when we trust our own strength and follow our own wily ways; forgive us when we are rocky or barren followers, who listen but do not fully receive Your word; forgive us when we are too tentative or troubled to allow Your word to bloom fully and abundantly in our lives and to live in Your Spirit, that as you plant Your word upon our hearts, it may take root and grow. Nurture us with Your grace and mercy, that we may be fruitful followers of Christ and life-giving children of Your Spirit. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

All who are in the Spirit of God have been set free. And those who are in Christ Jesus are free from condemnation. As forgiven people made new in God's Spirit, be fertile ground for God's word to take root and grow. Thanks be to God!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

**New Testament Reading** Romans 8:1-11;

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:1-9;

Children's Time

**Hymn** "Nothing But the Blood" #223 BH

**Sermon** Matthew 13:1-9;

## *A Sower Went Out to Sow.*

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #154 BH

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed

**\*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**

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Words of Institution  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Partaking of the Elements  
Post Communion Prayer



✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

**\*Closing Hymn** "To God Be the Glory" #28 BH

**\*Benediction**

**May God's word take root in our lives. Plant in your hearts the words of this day. Set in your minds the things of the Spirit. May God's Spirit nourish our very souls. Amen.**

Postlude



# In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

**Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study.

**Friday, July 18, 2014**

8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group  
Yard and Building Work

**Sunday, July 20, 2014**

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

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service



*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
- , Elder
- , Pianist
- , Singing
- , Children's Time
- , Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able  
 #156 RH = Page 156 Red Hymnal  
 #156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal  
 Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal

### THEME IDEAS

Following to our Lectionary Readings, Rebekah's children struggle with her. Two parents struggle to love their children equally; yet each clearly has a favorite. Two brothers struggle to find their place in God's world as they answer God's call. Christians struggle to live in the Spirit rather than in the flesh. Seeds struggle to take root and grow. The struggle of living and growing as children of God's Spirit is a struggle that has haunted humanity since the dawn of time. Today's scriptures reflect those struggles, even as they offer words that can become lamps to our feet and light for our journey of growth in the Spirit.



## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - July 13, 2014*



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