

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

*We enter with reverence into the presence of the Cross  
at this memorial of the crucifixion. We remember  
this loving act of Christ. We enter this sacred story.  
We open ourselves to Divine Love and the Holy Spirit  
here at the foot of the Cross of Christ.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Scripture Readings** Hebrews 10:16-25;

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

Draw near to the Cross of CHRIST.

**We draw near in awe and gratitude.**

Enter this earliest and sacred story.

**We enter, open to transformation.**

Find your place in this holy narrative.

**We seek to receive anew the grace and love of CHRIST JESUS.**

**\*Hymn** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Ricky Tipps

Phyllis Turner

Jacque Wilson

Pastor

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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

**Scripture Readings** John 19:17-22; 28-30;

**Sermon**

Vince Wilson

Pastor

*"The Power of the Cross!"*

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**Special Music**

David Cost

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Pastor

Gracious FATHER, we seek YOUR grace and forgiveness. We are encouraged, and as the Scripture says: "Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." We come into YOUR presence, aware that our actions and our inaction, have hurt YOUR heart and hurt the hearts of others. In gratitude for this cleansing grace granted to us through CHRIST JESUS, we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

Pastor

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope. In the name of JESUS CHRIST You are forgiven.  
**In the name of JESUS CHRIST, you are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**



Pastor

**The Celebration of the Holy Communion**

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

**\*Closing Hymn**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

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**\*Charge & Benediction**

Pastor

**In hope, go out in the name of the ONE who created you.  
In peace, go out and walk the way of JESUS.  
In love, go out in the presence of GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.  
Amen.**

**Postlude**

Phyllis Turner

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

Hello, Church Family.

I am grateful to God for all of you, and you are in my prayers. As we continue our journey through the Lent season, some are fasting and repent, and some spend more time on the Scripture readings and praying. Our faith is strengthened. We are strengthened by hope to celebrate the Easter joy. Yes, we continue the journey of Lent. We pray through the entire Holy Week, and in the end, we will sing Alleluia joyfully. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! during Easter Sunday worship. My only hope is to see you all as soon as circumstances permit. Trust in God and remain faithful to Him. May His love and abundance of blessings comfort you entirely, and your hearts remain full of hope.

My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org)

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

Friday, April 9, 2021 – Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 11, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

### ☞ 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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### ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*  
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*

David Cost, *Special Music*

David Piatt & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*  
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### THEME IDEAS

Good Friday is the most CROSS-centric day of worship in the Christian tradition. While the crucifixion of CHRIST was an unconscionably violent act, CHRIST remained the PRINCE of PEACE to HIS very last breath. This is a day to see the Cross with reverence and gratitude, and awe. Yet we know the resurrection and new life are coming. Sunday is coming. Easter is coming. Embolden your worship in this sacred story, yet help all remember that hope is nigh.



## *STONEGATE CHURCH*

*CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN*

*Evening Service at 6:30 pm*

*Holy Week, GOOD FRIDAY, April 2, 2021*



**Experience the Love of Christ in Community!**