

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread and if he accepted wealth and power to Him.

In all these things, Jesus remained strong in His commitment to God.

May our commitment be as strong for the next forty days coming on as well.

May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey of commitment.

*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

Holy Lord, as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for Your strength. We ask Your forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world and when we tread paths that are contrary to Your will. We ask Your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another's need. We ask for Your presence in our wilderness wanderings. May Your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey - a land made rich and abundant by Your saving love. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rejoice and celebrate, for forgiveness is ours through the confession of faith in Christ. Amen.

*Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross"

#230 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Are You Washed in the Blood"

#229 BH

Sermon

Romans 10:8b-13;

"CHALLENGING REPENTANCE! – REPENTING CHALLENGE?"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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*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"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"At the Cross"

#255 BH

*Charge & Benediction

**The journey has begun.
Celebrate the abundant grace of God's unfailing love,
God is with you. Go forth to learn, to teach, to serve. Go bringing
peace and hope to all in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Postlude

In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, February 14, 2016 –
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
6:30 p.m. – CARD MAKING CLASS
Wednesday, February 17, 2016
6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 18, 2016
10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY
Friday, February 19, 2016
8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY Breakfast/Adult Bible Study,
Saturday, February 20, 2016
9:30 a.m. – LIVING FREE CLASS
Sunday, February 21, 2016
2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING



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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Rev. , Pastor
, Pianist
, Liturgist
, Children's Time
, Welcome and Announcements



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THEME IDEAS

As we enter the Season of Lent, we enter a time of self-examination and repentance, a time of preparation for the transforming power of Easter. Today's scriptures focus on God's provision and God's protection. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus alludes to Deuteronomy 26, and the devil quotes Psalm 91. In the Epistle reading, Jesus assumes the role of Protector and Provider for all who confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead. In gratitude for God's good gifts to us, we offer a portion of what we receive so that it may be used to further God's work. In Christ, we are not separated or distinguished by where we came from, or by access to food, power, and possessions. Rather, all receive God's blessings when we believe God's promises and do God's will. We follow the example of Jesus in worshipping God alone.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am
The 1st Sunday in Lent, February 14, 2016



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