

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

*Gathering* - The people gather to worship the true and living God. Welcome friends. We are genuinely pleased to have you worship here today. Lift up your voice and open your heart to God and all of us will be blessed. The prelude signals the beginning of worship.



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (responsively)

Can these bones live?

Only God knows.

Can these people wake up to the good news?

Only God knows.

Can this church be revitalized?

Only God knows.

Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe your life into our worship this hour.

Unbind us and set us free to proclaim our faith as your Easter people!

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" #604 BH

\*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

O Holy One, You invite us to the banquet, the banquet of life. You offer the abundance and lavishness of bread broken and share the cup of refreshment that leads to new life.

We praise and thank You for Your abundant Spirit. Goodness and love unfailing, these will follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the home of our God for all eternity. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

We no longer need to live as slaves to our sinful natures. Sin has no claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking. We have been given new life as God's own children. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14;

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:6-11;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Higher Ground"

#532 BH

Sermon

Luke 18:9-14;

*My Friend..., Jesus!*

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#473 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"

Faith Testimony Sharing Time



✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn

"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

#624 BH

\*Benediction

Know that Jesus Christ is waiting to unbind you  
and free you for joyful service in the world.  
The Spirit that dwells in you is giving you a new life.  
Go with the peace of God and live! Amen.

Postlude

# In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

## Sunday, April 6, 2014

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
 Noon – Church Session Meeting

## Wednesday, April 9, 2014

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal;  
 Son of God – Discussion and Impression

## Thursday, April 10, 2014

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

## Friday, April 11, 2014

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

## Sunday, April 13, 2014

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

## Thursday, April 17, 2014

6:30 p.m. **Worship Ceremony  
 for The Celebration of Holy Communion  
 on Maundy Thursday**



*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

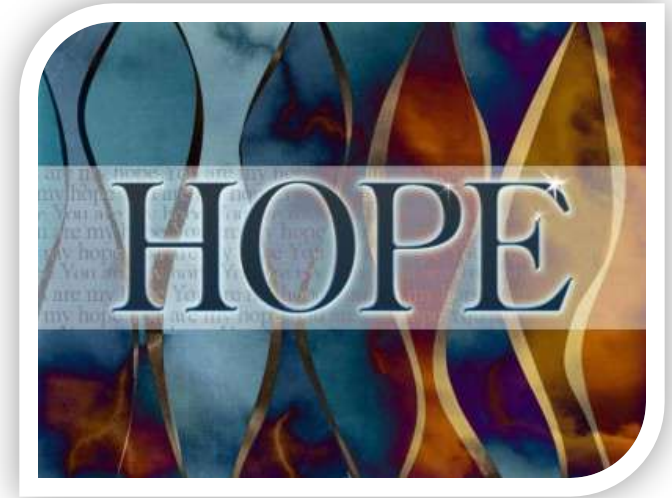
- , Pastor
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- , Pianist
- , Singing
- , Children's Time
- , Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able  
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### THEME IDEAS

Hope is not only a life and death matter, hope is a life **in** death matter. Hope finds its greatest challenge, and shines its greatest light, when life stands in the face of death and affirms that God remains trustworthy. Ezekiel is called to prophesy such hope in a valley of dried bones and lost dreams. The Psalmist proclaims hope from depths, as one waits for the gift of a morning yet to dawn. And Jesus proclaims: **for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.**



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Lent – April 6, 2014*



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