

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude / Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Do you need a guide?

The LORD is our SHEPHERD.

Do you need a doorway to new life?

The LORD is our GATE.

Do you need rest? Do you need care?

The LORD restores our souls. The LORD is our SHEPHERD.

Come, let us worship.

*Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading John 10:1-10;

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Vision, Encouragement & Challenge,

Children's Time

Special Music "Our God is in Control"

Ricky Tipps

491 BH Choir

Pastor

Pastor

450 BH

Pam Brown

Pastor

Psalm 23;

Valerie Tipps

David Cost

Sermon

Acts 2:42-47;

Pastor

"The Identity Of The Apostles' Teaching And Fellowship"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

172 BH

*Prayer of Confession

Pastor

CHRIST, our SHEPHERD and GATE, we would rather chart our own course, than be shepherded like sheep; we would rather find our own way, than see you as the Way; we would rather be shepherds than sheep, who are vulnerable and exposed. Forgive us when we bleat our resistance, as YOU guide us to higher pastures. Be our GATE, our way to safe havens, where we can dwell with YOU secure. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

Pastor

The ONE who anoints our heads with oil, the ONE who feeds us while our enemies look on, the ONE who delivers us from evil, invites us to dwell in the house of the LORD forever. **Thanks be to GOD!**

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor

Offering/*Doxology

"Praise GOD, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"Give Thanks"

576 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

**The LORD is our SHEPHERD. We shall not want.
In pastures green, we rest secure. Our SHEPHERD leads us forth.
By still waters, we rest secure. Our SHEPHERD brings us abundant life.
Go with the blessings of our SHEPHERD.
Amen**

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 keeps us home and I started publishing my weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org, push the button 'messages' on the home page. A hard copy will be sent to the elder members who prefer this form. Slowly and unexpectedly we are going online with our ministry.

I will inform you about any additional messages that I am going to post. I assure you that you are in my prayers. I will be in touch with you by telephone, mail, facebook and website.

**Be Strong, Never Give Up..., Good Days Will Return,
And We Will Meet Again**

Attention

Due to a pandemic of the coronavirus and a declared state of emergency by local authorities, we, as responsible Christians and citizens, are announcing that all weekly activities are CANCELED TO THE MAY 30TH, MAY 31ST, 2020 – PENTECOST SUNDAY, WE HOPE TO REOPEN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

☪ 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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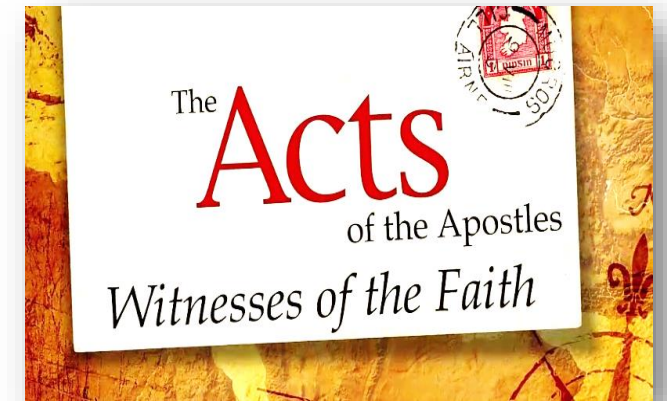
☪ WORSHIP LEADERS ☪

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Pam Brown, *Elder*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Valerie Tipps, *Children's Time*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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THEME IDEAS

The shepherd that is revered by the Psalmist is celebrated by John as both Shepherd and Gate for the sheep. We rejoice that JESUS our shepherd calls us each by name, and is the one who came that we may have abundant life (*John 10:10b*). This abundant life is described in Acts as a result of fellowship, breaking bread together, prayer, attention to the Apostle's teachings, and sharing all things in common (*Acts 2:42, 44*). How far we have moved from that early paradigm of selfless giving! But when we return to our shepherd and guardian after going astray, we are healed and welcomed home (*1 Peter 2:24-25*).



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am - online only
The Fourth Sunday of Easter, MAY 3, 2020



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!