

✎ ENTRANCE ✎

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



Welcome and Announcements

Pastor

\*Opening prayer

Pastor

**GOD, we are confident YOU are coming, bringing a world where all will be made right. Calm our anxiety, strengthen our patience, and keep our hope aflame, as we work towards, and wait for, YOUR new day. Amen.**

**Music** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

✎ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✎

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:1-8; Pastor

**Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer** Pastor

**Special Music** "What if I Give All" David Cost

**Message** Mark 1:1-8; Pastor

**"I Am Sending My Messenger Ahead Of You"**

✎ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✎

**Affirmation of Faith** *(for an individual affirmation in silence)*

**Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE** *(Based on John 14:1-14;)*

**We believe in God, CREATOR of all that is and all that is to come. In GOD's house are many rooms, and GOD prepares a place for us, so that where God is, we may be also. We believe in GOD; we believe also in CHRIST, who is our way, our truth and our life. Through HIM we have seen GOD, who lived and worked in HIM. We believe in the HOLY SPIRIT, who lives and works in us; so that we may do the works that JESUS does, and even greater works; so that the FATHER may be glorified in the SON. Amen!**

**Prayer**

**The Celebration of the Holy Communion** Pastor

✎ SENDING FORTH ✎

**Music** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*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

**Live in such a way,  
the way of love and faithfulness,  
the way of righteousness and peace.  
Go now in the confidence that all things are possible.  
Amen**

**Offering** "Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept and keeps us home, and in this Advent season, the situation is much worse than at the beginning of 2020. My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org)

After many talks last week, the Church Session, at my request, agreed to change the form of our Sunday Services until further notice. It will be a shorter Sunday Service led by your Pastor.

December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent at 10:45 a.m.

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

**Be Strong, Never Give Up..., as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Good Days Will Return, And We Will Worship the LORD Together**

### ☞ 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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# peace.

It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.

## THEME IDEAS

Firm confidence that better days lie ahead, or at least more just ones, marks each of these readings. "Shall" and "will" abound, along with calls to prepare the way with patience, for the arrival of the new heaven and new earth. Their coming, though not its timing, is sure; ours is to discern and to prepare a path, a highway, and our hearts.



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*The Second Sunday of Advent, DECEMBER 6, 2020*



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

### ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

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

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