

✿ ENTRANCE ✿

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***The Second Sunday of Advent**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In the wilderness of our daily lives, a voice cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Let us hear what God is saying. Let us rejoice in what God is doing.

God has shown us favor by restoring our fortunes. God rules this world with tenderness and might.

Let us share what God is offering.

The glory of the Lord will be revealed. Let all people see it and turn their hearts to God.

Let us proclaim what God is bringing.

In the wilderness of our daily lives, a voice cries out:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

We light candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, remembering the promises of God with Prayer.

On the Second Sunday of Advent:

We light this candle for peace. LIGHT THE FIRST & SECOND CANDLE!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#199 BH

***Confession of Sins (in Unison)**

God of endless mercy, hear our prayer: You have comforted us, You have cared for us tenderly, and You have restored our losses. You speak peace to us and call us to be faithful, yet we turn away from You, choosing folly, strife, and passing pleasures. You are patient with us, yet we accuse You of apathy and neglect. Forgive us, we pray. Make us mindful of our salvation through Jesus Christ, who was, and is, and is to be - the one who is eternally transforming us through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

God desires that all may live in fullness of life. God speaks tenderly with us and hurries to comfort us. Be assured of God's favor, and know that our sin has been forgiven. Amen.

✿ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✿

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a;

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#179 BH

Sermon

✿ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✿

Hymn

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

#183 BH

***Affirmation of Faith**

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory Prayer

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Partaking of the Elements
Post Communion Prayer



✿ SENDING FORTH ✿

***Closing Hymn**

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing "

#192 BH

***Benediction**

Postlude

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Noon – 3:00 p.m. PARENTS' SHOPPING DAY

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 11, 2014

10:00 a.m. LADIES BIBLE STUDY.

Friday, December 12, 2014

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



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
, Elder
, Pianist
, Singing
, Children's Time
, Welcome and Announcements



* Please rise as you are able
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THEME IDEAS

As wonderful as it is to ponder God coming to us as a helpless infant, Advent is much more than remembering the birth of Jesus.

Today's readings call us to live in hope of the fulfillment of God's vision for humanity and creation. The epistle calls for hope as the early Christian community struggled; Jesus had not returned to make everything right. Advent recalls God's blessing in our past, even as we seek to know God's presence here and now in our ordinary lives. Advent demands that we see our lives, our world, and all reality through God's eyes, so that we may long for what God desires and for all things to be made new and whole. Into this whirl of human memory, need, and hope steps the wonderful figure of John the Baptist, who reminds us that Jesus is knocking at the door, ready to enter our world.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 7, 2014



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