

☞ ENTRANCE ☞

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.

Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

The glory of the Lord has come.

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn "Have Thine Own Way Lord" #544 BH

\*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Eternal God, following only a star in the sky, kings of old left their families and their lands to find a child whose birth was so profound, it was proclaimed in the heavens above. When we would rather sit comfortably in our homes than make spiritual pilgrimages of our own, clothe our feet of clay in walking shoes and send us on our way. At this season of light, help us shine your light in the darkness to honor the King of kings. Open our shut-up hearts to those in need, that the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh might not be the last gifts offered to the one who brings light into our lives. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

The power that brought light and salvation to the kings of old is at work in the world today, granting eternal life to those who turn to God. You are forgiven.

☞ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ☞

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12;

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:1-7;

Children's Time

Hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #502 BH

Sermon Ephesians 3:1-7;

*"FOLLOWING ONLY A STAR IN THE SKY"*

☞ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ☞

Hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life" #407 BH

\*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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Partaking of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer



☞ SENDING FORTH ☞

\*Closing Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are" #215 BH

\*Benediction

**Go forth as a light to the nations,  
following the star of Christ's birth. Go forth as a people of  
blessing, proclaiming hope to the poor and needy. Go forth as a  
light to the nations, with God's light and blessings. Amen**

Postlude

# In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

**Sunday, January 4, 2015; EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Noon – Congregational Lunch at Fellowship Hall  
2:00 p.m. **ARMSTRONG AUDITORIUM** northeast of Edmond off Waterloo and Bryant is having a world-class biblical musical... **THE STORY OF ISAIAH.**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015**  
6:00 p.m. **BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursdays, December – January, 2014/2015**  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study – New Year Break – WILL NOT MEET UNTIL MID JANUARY.

**Friday, January 9, 2015**  
8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group  
Yard and Building Work

**Sunday, January 11, 2015; BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**  
6:30 p.m. **CARD MAKING CLASS**

## THEME IDEAS

Today's scripture readings are much more than a celebration of kings bringing tribute to the Messiah – they are a promise of light to those who live in darkness; a promise of righteousness to those who suffer at the hands of others; a promise of grace to those who are lost; and a promise of salvation to the Gentiles.

Epiphany is a day to celebrate God's love for all – especially those who are most in need of God's light and love.



*They offered him gifts,  
gold and frankincense  
and myrrh.*

*Matthew 2:11*



*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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Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal

## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*  
*Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2015*



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