

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Choose this day to sing with joy.

We give thanks and praise to God!

Choose this day to love and serve.

We rejoice in Christ's call in our lives!

Choose this day to worship God.

We gather to worship and pray.

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn**

"Since Jesus Came into My Heart" #624 BH

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

Holy God, we gather this day with the knowledge that our choice to serve You carries challenges each and every day. Forgive us when we fail to meet those challenges. When we are unprepared to move forward in faith, lead us back to Your path of truth and love. Let Your words ring true in our lives, that we may love and serve You - loving and serving Your world in all that we say and in all that we do. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Keep awake! Christ is our Savior, and the Spirit is always with us. Arise in hope and joy, my friends. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and reconciled to God.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me" #652 BH

Sermon

Hebrews 11:1;

BEING CONVINCED AND ASSURED BY FAITH!

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

#446 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"

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**

"Take Time to Be Holy"

#587 BH

***Benediction**

Keep awake, for darkness is all around! Arise, for the world is in constant need! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen

Postlude

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, November 2, 2014

6:00 p.m. CPW Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

6:30-8:00 p.m. Card Making Class

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, November 6, 2014

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study.

Friday, November 7, 2014

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Breakfast Group

Yard and Building Work

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Noon - Veteran's luncheon

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Let Us Go to Charleston's for Lunch, to Celebrate Our Birthdays in the Last Half of the Year, Immediately Following Church



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

In this season, we encounter some of the most challenging words of scripture. Choosing to lead a life of faith brings both challenge and consequence. The challenge to declare our faith is one sort of challenge - a challenge faced by the tribes of Israel after many years of traveling among foreign peoples and foreign beliefs. But the challenge to constantly be alert and prepared, vividly portrayed in Matthew 25,

is perhaps the greater struggle. In either case, scripture warns us that the failure to meet the challenge can bring dire consequences. We see this in the analogy to marriage. Many people struggle to make the commitment of marriage. But even after this commitment is finally reached, building and maintaining a marriage is a lifelong task and challenge. With Joshua's reference to family and Jesus' reference to brides and bridegrooms, there are rich images available to examine the challenges of faith and commitment at many different levels today - and the consequences of our abilities (or inabilities) to meet these challenges.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

21st Sunday after Pentecost - November 2, 2014

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