

✠ 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)**

Come to the household of love, for God is love.

**As we abide in love, we abide in God.**

Come to the vineyard of grace, for God is gracious.

**As we abide in the vine, we bear the fruit of salvation.**

Come to the household of love, for God is love.

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

#32 BH

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

Merciful One, you teach us that perfect love casts out fear, but we are often afraid; you invite us to abide in you as you abide in us, but we often don't know how or where to begin. Show us once more that abiding in your love is as easy and natural as a branch abiding in the vine. Prune our imperfections, that we may grow a heart so strong that all our fears will be cast out, leaving us ready and able to abide in your great love. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

Christ is the vine, we are the branches. If we abide in Christ; if we abide in the vine, ask for grace and it will be given. Abide in the vine and it is already given.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:7-21;

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#98 BH

Sermon

John 15:1-8;

**"WHAT KIND OF FRUITS DO WE BEAR?"**

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#443 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**

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

#104 BH

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.  
Beloved, let us abide in Christ's love, for He is the vine and we are the branches.  
Beloved, let us care for one another, for the Spirit unites us together in compassion.  
Go forth and share God's peace, love and bear fruits of salvation. Amen.

Postlude

# In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

3:00 p.m. MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

10:00 a.m. LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Friday, May 8, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Group

Yard and Building Work

**Sunday, May 10, 2015 - Mothers' Day**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

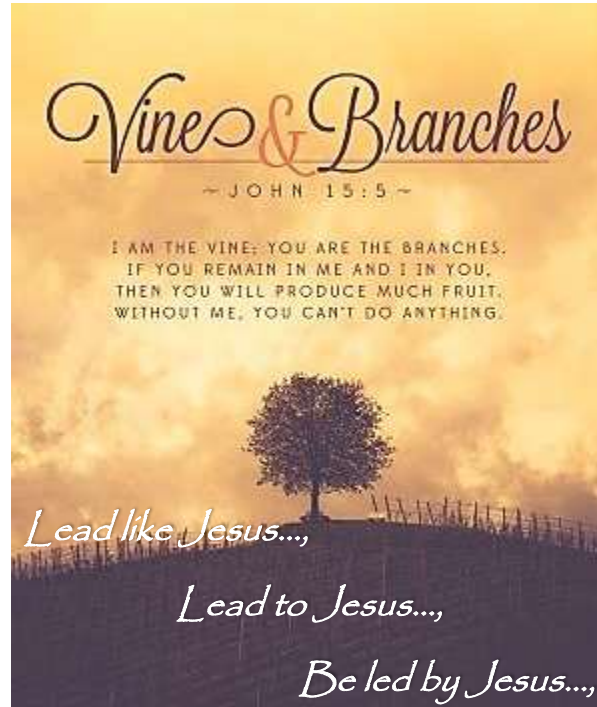
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

## ☞ 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.

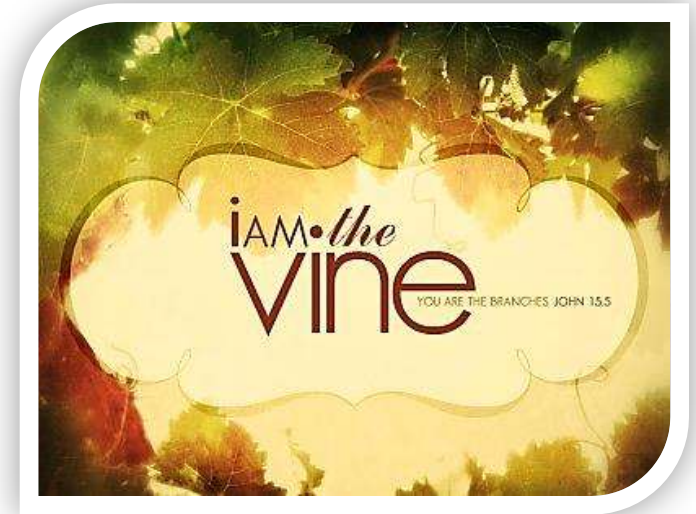


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## THEME IDEAS

God is love. Those who abide in love, abide in God. And those who abide in Christ's love, abide in Christ. For Christ is the vine and we are the branches. By abiding in the vine, we bear the fruit of love. Apart from the vine, we can do nothing. The Psalmist speaks of the servant who leads the people to abide in God. John writes that true love casts out fear and offers us Jesus' commandment to love one another. Truly, God is love. Those who abide in love, abide in God.



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2015

## ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

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



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