

✠ 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

\*Opening prayer

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

O God, you are our God.

**We seek you, thirsting for you, as we would for a stream in a scorching desert.**

We come to behold your power and glory.

**We come to hear of your love..., a love that means more than life itself.**

We come as guests to your rich banquet.

**You are our God. We seek you and are satisfied!**

\*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

O God of every blessing, You invite us into a life of deep meaning and purpose, a life of loving goodness and faithfulness. We hear Your invitation, but are often distracted by other invitations - invitations to things that don't satisfy, things that waste our energy and our purpose. O God, renew Your call within us - Your call to all who hunger and thirst for ultimate value in their lives; Your call to all who yearn for Your powerful presence in their lives. Be merciful to us, forgive our sins, and give us new resolve to answer Your invitation. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

The prophet Isaiah tells us that we need only return to the Lord our God, for God is merciful, and forgives our sins. Your love means more than life to us, O God; we praise you! Amen.

\*Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-5;

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 63:1-8;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Revive Us Again"

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Sermon

Luke 13:6-9;

**"SIR, LET IT ALONE FOR ONE MORE YEAR..."**

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"We Will Glorify"

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\*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

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn

"Soon and Very Soon"

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\*Charge & Benediction

**We have found new life in Christ!**

**Christ has called us to bear witness to hope and goodness. Go forth with God's love and blessing to bring Good News to this hurting world. Go forth as new creations, able to serve and quick to love.**

**Amen.**

Postlude

# In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

**Sunday, February 28, 2016**

**THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

6:00 p.m. – CARD MAKING CLASS

**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, March 3, 2016**

10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Friday, March 4, 2016**

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY Breakfast/Adult Bible Study,

**Saturday, March 5, 2016**

9:30 a.m. – LIVING FREE CLASS

**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

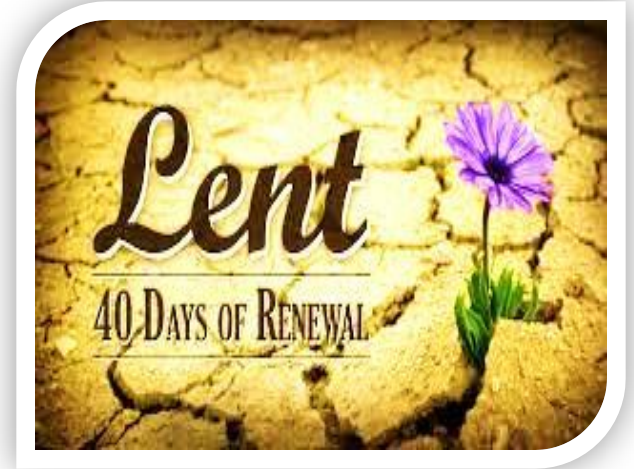
2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

**Monday, March 7, 2016**

6:00 p.m. – CHURCH SESSION MEETING

## THEME IDEAS

Today's scriptures call us to look honestly at our own lives. Are the things that we "eat and drink", the things that we take into our lives, truly nourishing us? Isaiah tells of those who buy "bread" that is not bread. In writing of the ancient Israelites who worshiped idols, Paul describes them as sitting down to eat and drink, but this meal is the prelude to destruction, not life. In earthy language, Jesus tells of a fig tree whose only hope is the enrichment of its soil, its food and drink. All of these passages call us to the true food of God's wisdom, love, and mercy. This is the invitation to dine and live, "Listen and come to me; listen, and you will live." Isaiah 55:3 awaits our response: Coming, listening, repenting, and living anew; and the Gospel of Luke gives us remarkable hope..., "Sir, let it alone for one more year".



### ☞ 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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### ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

Rev. , Pastor

, Pianist

, Liturgist

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able

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## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2016*



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