

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn "Jesus, I Come"

*Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Is FATHER here? HE is!

Is CHRIST among us? HE is!

Is SPIRIT with us? HE is!

Who is our GOD? Our GOD is GOD the FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT.

Who are we? We are equal people.

The LORD be with you. And also with you.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-31;

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Sermon Mark 10:17-31;

Ricky Tipps

439 BH

Andy Turner

Pastor

Phyllis Turner

423 BH

Pastor

David Cost

Pastor

"The Eye of the Needle and Salvation"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"

83 BH

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor

Living GOD, YOUR way can be hard. How can we give up everything to follow YOU? We feel so frustrated when we reach out to YOU and feel only silence. We cling to what we own, fearing the future. Free us from our desire to accumulate more and more. Transform us into generous spirits, sharing YOUR gifts with the world. Work within us, that we may know YOUR real presence, even when we feel so little. We cannot do this alone. We need YOUR help. In JESUS' name we pray, Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

In JESUS, we have one who has experienced pain and struggle.
JESUS understands us, and leads us to the ONE who offers grace and forgiveness.
JESUS reminds us that all things are possible for GOD. **Thanks be to GOD!**

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor

*Doxology

"Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

28 BH

If you would like to make a profession of faith, join the church, or simply pray at the altar, you may come during the closing hymn. We welcome you to our fellowship!

*Charge & Benediction

Pastor

**Go and follow JESUS on the pathway of love.
Share the Good News of mercy and grace. Dare to let go.
Find the courage and see what adventures GOD has in store for you.
May the blessing of the HOLY ONE give you courage,
for with GOD, all things are possible. Amen.**

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Friday, October 15, 2021;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 17, 2021;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP

You Are All Invited

The Pastor's weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org

☞ 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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**How Hard It Is
To Enter
The Kingdom Of GOD**

THEME IDEAS

The life of faith often includes times of pain. In those moments, we are free to approach GOD honestly. We can be our true selves in GOD's presence and can freely express our pain, our struggles, and even our sense that GOD does not respond. "Where are you, my GOD?" the Psalmist asks. Hebrews proclaims CHRIST as our High Priest, who understands the human experience of pain and mediates grace toward us. When we despair, JESUS reminds us that for GOD, all things are possible.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, OCTOBER 10, 2021



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
David Piatt & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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