

✪ ENTRANCE ✪

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Invocation

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. *Light the first candle.*

We light this candle for peace. *Light the second candle.*

We light this candle in joy. *Light the third (pink, if used) candle.*

The Lord speaks the joy of good news. A reading from Zephaniah 3:14-20.

*Let us pray: *based on Isaiah 12:2-4; Philippians 4:4;*

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and be not afraid,
For the Lord is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day: **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice! Amen!**

*Confession of Sins *(in Unison)*

It is getting more and more difficult, Lord, for us to keep our attention on the holy things. Our lives are caught up in the planning, parties, gifts, and other such things. Heal our hearts and spirits, Lord. Help us understand that you do not ask us to heal everything but rather to find a simple way in which we might lighten someone else's burden, as you have lightened our lives. You have brought hope and peace to us. Now cause us to rejoice in the wondrous things that you have done. Teach us to use our gifts for the common good. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

The messenger has been sent to you, proclaiming that there is One who is coming, who will heal and lead you. Know that this is a great gift from God, who has always and will always love you; rejoice. Amen.

*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #199 BH

✪ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✪

*Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Philippians 4:4-7;

Children's Time

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #196 BH

Sermon Isaiah 12:2-6;

"JOY!"

✪ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✪

Hymn "What Child Is This" #198 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

✪ SENDING FORTH ✪

*Closing Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #192 BH

*Charge & Benediction

**Rejoice! The Lord is near.
Take heart and do not worry about your life,
for it is God's pleasure to give you the kingdom.
May the peace of God that passes all understanding,
guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen!**

Postlude



In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, December 13, 2015

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – CARD MAKING CLASS

MEETING AT VALERIE'S HOME

AT 16917 Crest Valley Edmond, OK 73012

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

– BREAK UNTIL JANUARY 6, 2016

Thursday, December 17, 2015

10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, December 18, 2015

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY BREAKFAST / ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, December 20, 2015

Noon – CHURCH SESSION MEETING

Sunday, December 20, 2015

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

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.

The Joy of CHRISTMAS

Lead like Jesus...,

Lead to Jesus...,

Be led by Jesus...,

THEME IDEAS

With the exception of the Lord, Philippians captures the mood of the day: **"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!"**

God's salvation is at hand. Isaiah and Zephaniah invite us to sing aloud and shout for joy. Through God, the warrior receives victory, while the lame and outcast no longer live in shame. Three of today's lections celebrate the joy of our salvation. Salvation requires justice; it also entails judgment, and we need to be ready. Yet, in all this, we are called to rejoice!



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2015

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. , Pastor

, Pianist

, Liturgist

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



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