

✠ 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*)

Rejoice with the heavens: Christ is born! Sing of this miracle: God's salvation is for all.

**God's light has come to earth. We sing with all the earth!**

So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

All this is from God,

**We are ambassadors for Christ!**

\*Opening Prayer

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

\*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

Abba, Father, we yearn to be Your children. Even in our yearning, we do not climb easily into Your loving arms of grace; we do not wait patiently for Your all-embracing presence; we do not trust persistently in Your never-failing acceptance. Clothe us in the garland of your love, and adorn us in the jewels of Your grace. Strengthen us with the roots of hope and faith, that we may be Your children, and grow in wisdom and love all the days of our lives, now and have yet to come. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

Rejoice, sisters and brothers! Christ has clothed us with the garment of redemption and salvation. We are adopted as children and heirs of God. Christ is born in our lives. We are free to live in Christ.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-20;

Gospel Reading John 8:12-19;

Children's Time

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #196 BH



Sermon

2 Corinthians 5:17-20;

**"WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST!"**

✠ 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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Partaking of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer



✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" #192 BH

\*Benediction

**Trust in the Lord, and do good.**

**Go forth ambassadors of Christ, no longer ordinary, but adopted into the family of God! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you now and in the days that have yet to come. Amen**



Postlude





# In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

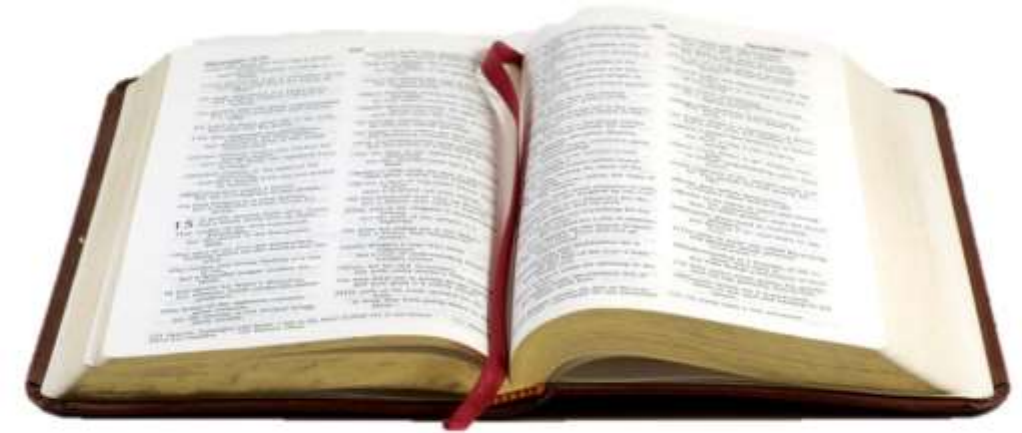
**Tuesday, December 30, 2014**  
 6:30 p.m. CARD MAKING CLASS – CANCELED  
**Wednesday, December 31, 2014**  
 6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY – CANCELED  
**Thursdays, December – January, 2014/2015**  
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study – New Year Break –  
 WILL NOT MEET UNTIL MID JANUARY.

**Friday, January 2, 2015 – No Activity**  
 8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group  
 Yard and Building Work  
**Sunday, January 4, 2015; EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
 Noon – Congregational Lunch at Fellowship Hall  
 2:00 p.m. **ARMSTRONG AUDITORIUM** northeast of  
 Edmond off Waterloo and Bryant is having a  
 world-class biblical musical... THE STORY OF ISAIAH.



*Lead like Jesus...,*  
*Lead to Jesus...,*  
*Be led by Jesus...,*

<sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.



<sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us, we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

### 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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 #156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal  
 Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal

## *STONEGATE CHURCH*

### *CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN*

*Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am*  
*Last Sunday of the Year – December 28, 2014*



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