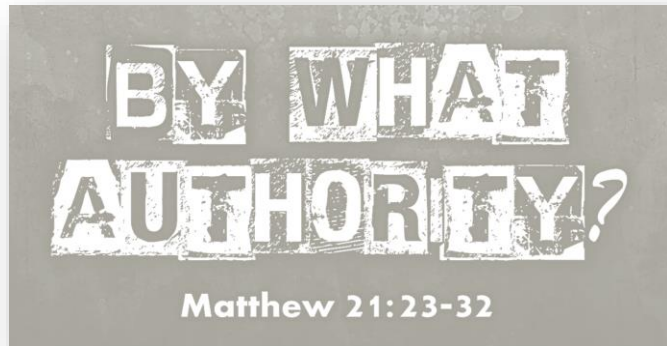


✿ ENTRANCE ✿

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



Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

Prelude / Hymn "People Need the Lord" Choir

359 BH

*Opening prayer

Pastor

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor

Give ear to GOD's teaching.

We gather to hear the stories of our ancestors.

Come to the fount of living water.

We will drink deeply from the waters of life.

Taste the wellspring of our salvation.

We gather to worship in obedience and awe as people are reborn.

*Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life"

338 BH

✿ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✿

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:23-32;

Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music "He Will Carry You"

David Cost

Sermon Matthew 21:23-32;

Pastor

"See GOD'S Presence and Authority in Your Daily Life"

✿ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✿

Hymn "There's Something About That Name" # 317 BH

*Prayer of Confession Pastor

Forgiving GOD, YOU are always there for us. In the midst of our complaining, we yearn to find the strength of our convictions. We want to work gladly in YOUR Vineyard, without any thought of reward or acknowledgement. Renew us in YOUR compassion and grace, that our eyes may be opened to YOUR presence and divine authority in our minds and may they be filled with the very mind of CHRIST. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

Hear the Good News: No matter who you are, or what you have done, CHRIST welcomes us into GOD's Kingdom with open arms. When we open our hearts and our lives to CHRIST, GOD's forgiveness is truly ours. Thanks be to GOD for the old Good News! We are reborn!

*Affirmation of Faith Pastor

The Celebration of the Holy Communion Pastor

✿ SENDING FORTH ✿

*Closing Hymn "Majesty" # 297 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 to share encouragement in CHRIST.
Go to spread the gifts of the SPIRIT with joy.
Go and speak to make GOD'S Good News complete.
Amen**

Offering "Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"

Postlude Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept us home and I started publishing my daily devotional and weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org.

Now we are back in our sanctuary. The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal," it is abnormal. We are children of GOD, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what is abnormal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

October 4, 2020 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

Be Strong, Never Give Up..., as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Good Days Will Return, And We Will Worship the LORD Together

✠ 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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Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
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THEME IDEAS

The power of GOD is a fearful thing. Memories of GOD's mighty deeds of power are passed down in dark sayings of old. GOD's power and authority are not hidden from those who have eyes to see and ears to hear. Yet we often shut our eyes and close our ears to the truth before us, as the chief priests and elders did in the presence of John the Baptist and JESUS. Philippians explains that CHRIST'S power and authority came from HIS self-emptying and HIS willingness to become a servant for all. When we answer the call to serve, we do so by GOD'S authority.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



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