

✠ 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.*

Hear God's promise of hope from Jeremiah 33:14-16:

"The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Let us pray:

Faithful God, out of death you bring life.
Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the burgeoning of Christ's advent among us.
God of promise, God of hope, into our hopelessness come, please come. Amen.

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #176 BH

*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

God of hope, You call us to rejoice in Your promise of the birth that is to come, but we are afraid. You invite us into a world where justice and righteousness prevail, but we turn away in fear. We long for an easy path into Your promised world, but You warned us that there is no easy way. Birth new life within us, that we may abide in Your perfect love - the love that casts out fear. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

God's mercy and steadfast love endures, strengthening our hearts and overcoming our fears.
There is hope! God will remove every obstacle that keeps us from being the body of Christ. Amen.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

*Prayer of Illumination

*Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36;

Children's Time

Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #314 BH

Sermon 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;

"HOPE!"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Victory in Jesus" #499 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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #175 BH

*Charge & Benediction

**Be alert, watch and be ready. Go now from this fellowship
in hope knowing that you are following the ways of God.
May the Spirit guide you and lead you home safely.
Amen!**

Postlude

In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, November 29, 2015

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – CARD MAKING CLASS

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 3, 2015

10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, December 4, 2015

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Yard and Building Work

Sunday, December 6, 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.



THEME IDEAS

How can we participate in the coming reign of Christ? That is the challenge of Advent! God promises a new order, the birth of a world in which justice and righteousness rule. The promise is irrevocable - the birth will come. God shows us the way in the life and words of Jesus, and gives us companions - our sisters and brothers in Christ.

But ultimately, each of us must actively prepare if we are to be part of what is being born at Christmas. The One promised is coming. Watch out!



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Lead like Jesus...

Lead to Jesus...

Be led by Jesus...

STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

1st Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2015

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. , Pastor

, Pianist

, Liturgist

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



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