

✠ 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

*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

199 BH

*Invocation

Daniel Moore

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.*

Daniel Moore

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

Whitney Moore

*Hear God's promise of hope and peace from Malachi 3:1;

Whitney Moore

See, I am sending my Messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The Messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, HE is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor

"Prepare the way of the Holy ONE. Make a pathway for GOD straight into your hearts."

Blessed be the Holy ONE, who brings light of peace into the deepest shadows.

"Make way in the desert for the coming of GOD to live in our midst."

Blessed be the Holy ONE, who comes to live among us in peace.

Are you ready for the coming Day of GOD?

We are ready. Let us worship the ONE who calls us in the light of peace.

*Opening Prayer

Daniel Moore

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6;

Whitney Moore

Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

192 BH

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

David Cost

Sermon

Philippians 1:3-11;

Pastor

"The Messenger of Peace."

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

*Hymn

"What Child Is This"

198 BH

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor

GOD of Light of Peace, prepare us for your coming, and open our hearts to all who seek compassion and relief. Too often, we close our hearts to the sight of those in need. Forgive us when we are unwilling to bear YOUR light of peace, when we close off the pathways of our hearts to those who are in need of YOUR Good News. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

Hear the Good News: GOD gives light of peace to those who walk in darkness to guide our feet into the way of light and peace. In the name of JESUS CHRIST, you are forgiven.

In the name of JESUS CHRIST, you are forgiven. Glory to GOD!

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor

*Doxology

"Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

182 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

As we await the coming of the Promised ONE, may YOUR love and knowledge and insight overflow, that you may live in peace and harmony with all beings for the glory and praise of GOD. Amen.

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

**Thursday, December 9, 2021;
10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY**

**Friday, December 10, 2021;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST**

**Christmas Fellowship Night
6:00 p.m. – APPETIZERS FOR GAME**

**Second Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP**

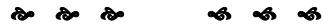
**At Noon, December 12, 2021;
Congregational Meeting
ELECTION OF TWO NEW ELDERS FOR THREE YEARS TERM**

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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THEME IDEAS

GOD sends messengers to remind us that the Holy ONE is always on the side of peace, justice, mercy, and loving kindness. These prophets speak of a day when light will be given to all who live in darkness and despair. Now is the time to prepare the way for this promised day in which GOD will live among us, and everyone will see the salvation of GOD.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent, DECEMBER 5, 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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