

✠ 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

\*Opening prayer

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's love and warm embrace lasts forever.

When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

Praise the Lord who delivers us from sin and death.

Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

Worship the One who wraps us with justice, and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.

Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

May our hearts be filled with God's blessings, divine provisions that meet our true needs.

\*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires: we have forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors; we have neglected our communion with You, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness. In a world of plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures. Free us from such bondage, that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God, seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ. God surely answers our prayers. In the name of Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

\*Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #234 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21;

Children's Time

Hymn

"In Christ There is No East or West"

#394 BH

Sermon

Colossians 3:1-4;

*"SEEKING THE THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE!"*

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Living for Jesus"

#545 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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

#450 BH

\*Charge & Benediction

May our God of love restore us in His image,  
and empower us to live with love, open hearts, open minds  
and generosity for one another.

Amen.

Postlude

# In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

**Sunday, July 31, 2016,**

Noon – Congregational Lunch at  
ALISHA'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN, 2747 W MEMORIAL;  
2:00 p.m. – MOMS IN PRAYER MEETING

**Tuesday, August 2, 2016;**

6:30 p.m. – CARD MAKING CLASS

**Wednesday, June – August, 2016**

**BIBLE STUDY - SUMMER BREAK**

**Thursday, August 4, 2016**

10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY as Scheduled  
**ALL – Ladies' Bible Study will be at 10:00 am**  
for both groups for the rest of the Summer

**Friday, August 5, 2016,**

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY BREAKFAST

**Sunday, August 7, 2016,**

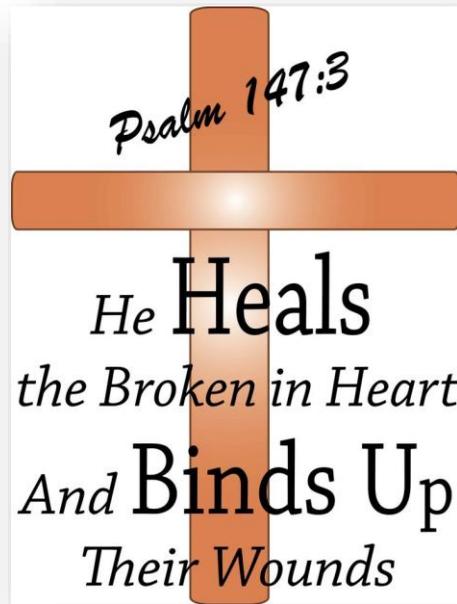
2:00 p.m. – MOMS IN PRAYER MEETING

## 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.



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## WORSHIP LEADERS

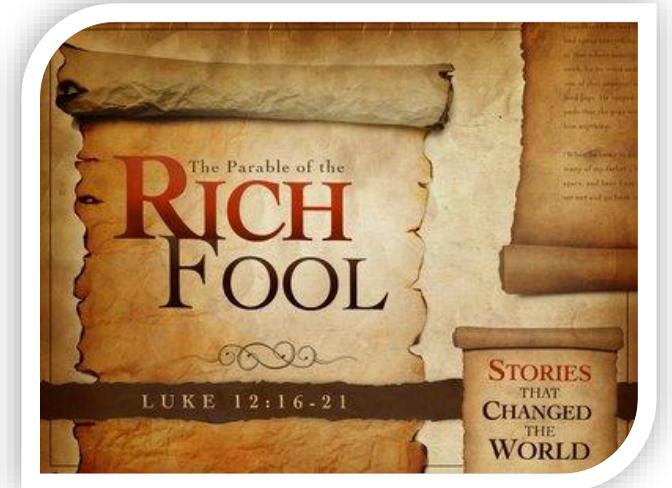
Rev. , Pastor  
, Pianist  
, Liturgist  
, Children's Time  
, Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able  
#156 RH = Page 156 Red Hymnal  
#156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal  
Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal

## THEME IDEAS

These readings starkly contrast a life of reliance on wealth with a life of dependence upon God and God's abundant blessings. The Psalmist calls for praise and thanksgiving in response to the Lord's abundant acts of love on behalf of God's people. Colossians reveals that through Christ's life in us, Christians are called to seek the values of heaven over the values of earth. Greed in any form is to be avoided. Because we are the same in Christ, we are to discover our life in Christ and to become like God. In the parable of the rich fool, Luke likewise offers a warning against greed. Although the wealthy man feels secure and comfortable in his earthly riches, such wealth becomes meaningless in death. Christ challenges His followers to seek a rich relationship with God instead of material wealth.



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# STONEGATE CHURCH

## CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 31, 2016



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