

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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

*'O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

(Psalm 63:1; NRSV)

Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

*Hymn "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

544 BH

*Opening prayer

Ricky Tipps

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor

O GOD, my GOD, we seek YOU. Our spirits long for YOU,
Our souls thirst for YOU. Our words will praise YOU, our actions bless YOU.
Let us seek the LORD when HE may be found.
Call upon the HOLY ONE, who is near.
We will bless YOU as long as we live.
We will lift up our hands and call on YOUR name. Let us worship.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9;

Valerie Tipps

Hymn "What a Day That Will Be"

607 BH

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

David

Sermon Luke 13:1-9;

Pastor

"Are You Spiritually Successful?"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

*Hymn "As the Deer" (vs 1) # 554 BH

*Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor

GOD of Mercy, we long to come when you call, yet often do not. When we are most alone, we fail to turn to YOU. When we are most afraid, we do not always think we can turn to YOU. When we are lost, hurting, and in pain, we fail to realize how much we suffer. We refuse to ask for help. We lash out at others. We numb our hearts. We hide. Forgive us. But YOU, O GOD, are faithful. You see us and know us and love us as we are. In times of trial, YOU show us the way through. Receive us once more, and have mercy on us. As we seek YOUR presence, help us place our trust in the grace of YOUR heart, and help us begin again. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning. GOD is at work, transforming our sorrow, giving us hope for a new day. **Thanks be to God!**

*Affirmation of Faith

*Doxology "Glory Be to the Father"

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

*Closing Hymn "At the Cross" (vs 1 & 5) # 255 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

Go forth to feed and tend to GOD'S people. Do so because you love JESUS, and because JESUS loves and needs you. May the abundant blessings of GOD'S love surround and feed you, as GOD renews you day by day. Amen

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Thursday, March 24, 2022;
10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Friday, March 25, 2022;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

Friday, March 25, 2022;
6:00 p.m. – BINGO NIGHT

Sunday, March 27, 2022;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP

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

These Lenten lections provide a number of reminders for the wilderness periods in our lives—times of struggle, illness, grief, loss, or simple ennui. Isaiah and the Psalmist speak to the soul's longing for GOD's presence, for spiritual sustenance, for that which will truly satisfy. Both scriptures call us to seek the holy, to call upon GOD for mercy, love, in-filling, and help. Luke carries us further, encouraging us to take the suffering or the barren periods of our lives, learn from them, and use them to grow into newness of life.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Third Sunday in LENT, MARCH 20, 2022



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 & David Piatt, *Special Music*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome & Announcements*

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