

In the Life of *STONEGATE Family*

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

6:30— 8:00p.m. Card Making Class

Wednesday, May 27, 2013

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, May 28, 2015

10:00 a.m. **NO**—Ladies' Bible Study

Friday, May 29, 2015

8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group
Yard and Building Work

Sunday, May 31, 2015; Fifth Sunday

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Noon—Congregational Lunch at Louie's



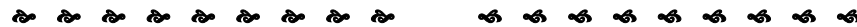
Lead like Jesus...

Lead to Jesus...

Be led by Jesus...

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.



SERVICE LEADERS

- , Pastor
- , Pianist
- , Elder
- , Singing
- , Children's Time
- , Welcome and Announcements



* Please rise as you are able
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THEME IDEA

As Jesus' disciples huddled together in fear, the Holy Spirit entered their dwelling in rushing wind and tongues of fire. From that event, the Church was born. We put on elaborate celebrations for Christmas and Easter, but Pentecost is equally important. Without Pentecost, the disciples would not have had the courage to go forth and spread the gospel. Without Pentecost, the Spirit promised to the prophet Joel would not be the active force it is in our world today: granting visions and dreams to our old and young alike. The power of God to create and renew life is the power of the Holy Spirit. We see this power in the psalmist's hymn of praise. We behold this power in Paul's discussion of adoption in Christ through the Spirit. And we see the promise of this power in Jesus, as He comforts His disciples before His death.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

**A Service For Celebrating The Baptism
of John, Susannah, Liam & Hazel, and receiving a new Member
on Pentecost Sunday/Memorial Sunday - May 24, 2015, at 10:45 AM**



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✠ ENTRANCE ✠

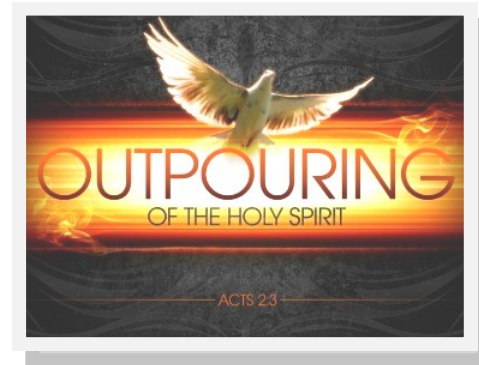
For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
(Matthew 18:20^{NRSV})

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship (responsively)

In rushing wind, in cleansing fire . . .
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
In courage found, in strength renewed . . .
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
In visions born, in dreams restored . . .
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
In hopes rekindled, in fears released . . .
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
In the church's sudden birth, in possibilities untold . . .
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
In rushing wind, in cleansing fire . . .
Come, Holy Spirit, come.



*Opening Prayer

*Special Music / Memorial Sunday "Scottish pipes"

Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Loving Father, you breathe life into our bodies and open your hand to fill us with good things, yet we act as if the world is against us. You call us to sing and rejoice in your presence, yet we act as if we are little more than dust. Spirit of gentleness, you come to us in our weakness, and intercede on our behalf with sighs too deep for words, yet we act as if we bear our burdens alone. Come once more in rushing wind and cleansing fire, that we may open our eyes to the glory of your world. Through your Spirit, who shows us the way, open our ears to the needs of your people. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God searches the heart, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For the Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God. Rejoice, sisters and brothers, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Children's Time

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

The people respond, saying:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBER — AUBREY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION (For the newly baptized and new member)

Loving God, You nurture and guide us like a father and mother. We pray for the families of this congregation, and for all Christian families everywhere. Give them strength to honor You in their homes, and to love and serve each other. Help all who have been baptized in Your name and have been professed their faith to live in peace and unity as sisters and brothers in the household of faith, and to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*Hymn

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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The Celebration of the Holy Communion



Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Partaking of the Elements
Post Communion Prayer



*The Benediction

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
Amen.**

*Hymn of Blessing

"Jesus Remember Me"

#822 RH

Postlude

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection, you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you that in baptism you give us your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

The minister touch the water.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth. May ALL who now pass through these waters be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Bind THEM to the household of faith, guard THEM from all evil. Strengthen THEM to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new. To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever.

Amen.

John..., Susannah..., Liam..., Hazel...,

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The minister lays hands on the head of baptized person,

O Lord, uphold **John..., Susannah..., Liam & Hazel** by Your Holy Spirit. Give THEM the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Candidate who has been kneeling will stand.

A representative of the session, or the minister, addresses the congregation in these words:

John, Susannah, Liam and Hazel HAVE BEEN RECEIVED into the one holy universal and apostolic church through baptism. God has made THEM MEMBERS of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **Back Cover BH**

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-14;

New Testament Reading Romans 8:22-27;

Gospel Reading John 15:26-27;

*Hymn "Battle Hymn of the Republic" **#645 BH**

☞ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ☛

Sermon *Romans 8:22-27;*

The Day of the Pentecost

Special Music "Spirit of the Living God" **#330 BH**

CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

(Matthew 28:18-20^{NRSV})

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

(Gal. 3:27-28^{NRSV})

An Elder Presents Candidates for Baptism

On behalf of the Church Session,

I present **John, Susannah, Liam and Hazel,**

to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. (...)

Questions to the Candidate for Baptism

JOHN & SUSANNAH, Do you desire to be baptized?

Yes, We do.

JOHN & SUSANNAH, Do you desire that Liam and Hazel be baptized?

Yes, We do.

Relying on God's grace,

do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to proclaim that faith?

Yes, We do.

Questions to the Congregation

Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture

John, Susannah, Liam and Hazel by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging

THEM to know and follow Christ and to be faithful member of His church?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ. As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,

do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed for Baptism Sacrament

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

*All present profess their faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed, using the question and answer form.
The people may stand.*

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**universal or catholic word can be used as well;*

***Response**

"Glory Be to the Father"

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The minister asks of Candidate being baptized on profession of her faith:

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers? And so fulfill your **calling** to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

We will, with God's help.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Water is poured visibly and audibly into the font.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks. In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of your grace.

We praise you that through the waters of the sea, you led your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise.

