

✿ 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** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

# 502 BH

**\*Opening Prayer**

Andy Turner

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Pastor

"Arise, my fair one, and come away," says the LORD.

**We come gladly, for every good gift comes from above.**

The season of singing is upon us.

**The scent of myrrh, aloe, and lavender fills our senses.**

"Arise, my fair one, and come away," calls our GOD.

**We come to worship with joy and thanksgiving.**

✿ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✿

**Gospel Reading** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23;

Phyllis Turner

**Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

# 453 BH

**Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer**

Pastor

**Special Music** "....."

David Cost

**Sermon** James 1:17-27;

Pastor

**"The Word of GOD vs. My Ego – Be Doers of the Word"**

✿ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✿

**Hymn** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" # 509 BH

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor

Life-giving GOD, YOU know us better than we know ourselves. While we long to meet the demands of YOUR justice, we often settle for a touch of righteous indignation. And though we long to resist evil with every fiber of our being, it is easy to confuse our anger over petty wrongs with YOUR anger over real misuse of power. Teach us the difference between human precepts that bloom and fade like the grass, and YOUR life-giving ways that are eternal. Help us be doers of YOUR word, and not hearers only, that our lives may bear the fruit of eternal life. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

The precepts of GOD bring equity to the earth. The ONE who anoints our lives with gladness leads us into life and the fullness of grace. **Thanks be to GOD!**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Pastor

**\*Doxology** "Glory Be to the Father"

**The Celebration of the Holy Communion** Pastor

✿ SENDING FORTH ✿

**\*Closing Hymn** "I Am Thine, O Lord" # 535 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

**Go to sing songs of the aromatic scent of the presence of GOD. Go as GOD'S anointed. Go as the family of GOD. Go as CHRIST'S beloved. Go in spirit and in truth. Go as gifts of the SPIRIT. Amen.**

**Postlude** Phyllis Turner

## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

**Friday, September 3, 2021;**  
**9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021;**  
**10:45 a.m. – PRAISE & WORSHIP**

*You Are All Invited*

The Pastor's weekly messages are published on our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://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.



*Remain  
Always  
Grateful*

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### ☪ 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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### THEME IDEAS

In luscious imagery and aromatic detail, the Song of Solomon and Psalm 45 depict the joy of union with our loving GOD. Delicious fruit and oils of gladness image a joyous world - the world as GOD intends. How quickly this world descends into malicious gossip and sniping about eating with defiled hands. The Epistle warns us against hearing the word without living the word, and the Gospel warns us against confusing human convention with divine instruction.

The Word of GOD  
vs. My Ego  
Be Doers of the Word

## *STONEGATE CHURCH*

*CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN*

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, AUGUST 29, 2021*



**Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!**