

✠ 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 "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" #657 BH

\*Opening prayer

\*Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.  
Everything old has passed away and everything has become new.  
This newness is from God, who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.  
Rejoice and be glad! Everything has become new.

\*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

O God,  
when we keep silence about our sin, we waste away with regret and guilt; we feel Your hand upon us,  
and our strength dries up. And so we acknowledge our sin to You, holding nothing back, for You are  
a hiding place for us; we trust in You to preserve us. Forgive us and reclaim us, we pray. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

Steadfast love surrounds those who put their trust in God, for God forgives the guilt of their sin.  
Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven! Be glad in God! Amen.

\*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #83 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32;  
Children's Time  
Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" #338 BH  
Sermon 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;

***"SO, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST!"***

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Kum Ba Ya / Come By Here" #630 RH  
\*Affirmation of Faith  
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 "Give Thanks" #576 BH  
\*Charge & Benediction

**Go as those who have been made new. Go as those who are  
reconciled with God. Go as those who have been entrusted  
with the message of reconciliation!  
Go as ambassadors of Christ, seekers of the lost,  
and participants in God's new creation. Amen.**

Postlude

# In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING

**Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, March 10, 2016**

10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Friday, March 11, 2016**

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY Breakfast/Adult Bible Study,

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

9:30 a.m. – LIVING FREE CLASS

**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

2:00 p.m. – MOM'S IN PRAYER MEETING



*"He fasted for forty days  
and forty nights..."*

## ☪ 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

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#156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal

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## THEME IDEAS

Today's readings speak of the power of honest human speech, heard and answered by a God who delivers us from burden and bondage to freedom and possibility. These readings testify that even before we speak, God, as loving parent, waits for the wandering child; God, as provider, gives manna even while we wander. God waits on us, listens for us, plans for us, and reaches out to us most compellingly in Jesus Christ. Our texts instruct us to speak our deepest failings and fears, for to be silent, to hold everything within, is to waste away.

When we speak boldly and honestly, we hear God's glad cry: "Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet."



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2016*



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