



# STONEGATE

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## Dear Church Family & Friends,

I am writing to you giving thanks to God in my prayers for all of you from the first day in all favorable and unfavorable moments. I hope this letter finds all of you and your families in good health and you are all well.

Last evening the Church Session compelled a responsible action according to the National State of Emergency, Oklahoma State of Emergency, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations as well as many public informational and the news. They increased our deepest concern for the entire Stonegate Church family and friends, and after deep consideration and many prayers, we decided to cancel all church activities and Sunday Services up to the end of April, 2020.

We hope to offer a Easter Sunday Service “*come and go*” to celebrate a humble remembrance of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, provided there will be no local restrictions or limits.

I would like to assure all of you that we care deeply of every one of you. Each Elder eagerly decided to contact all care group members individually and directly by telephone.

The weekly messages will be available through our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org) by clicking on “*messages*.” To all elder members who are not using any media, my messages will be sent in written form. I am working on offering additional forms of pastoral care for all who stay home.

We don’t know how this situation will impact our church family, our community and our nation, but we are united by “**the Love of CHRIST**” and we are concerned about every one, therefore do not hesitate to ask for any help if it is needed.

Our church exists because we belong to the living Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We thank all of you for your faithfulness and great commitment to support our church regularly.

God’s grace moved my heart thirty-seven years ago and my life I surrendered to Jesus. Therefore, I remain praying for all of you and your families as always. Let me offer the Apostle Paul’s words for you.

<sup>3</sup> **I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.**

<sup>6</sup> **I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-6; *NRSV*)**

Because of Christ,

*Marian Sontowski*

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The LORD is my portion,  
says my soul,  
therefore  
I will hope in HIM.

they are new  
every morning;  
great is YOUR  
faithfulness.

The steadfast love of  
the LORD never ceases,  
His mercies never  
come to an end;

*March 22, 2020; Sunday Message*

Message: 1 Samuel 16:10-13;

Living Under  
GOD'S Anointing

In all circumstances,  
Pastor continually serves  
to all as is needed,  
ready at all times to do  
whatever is needed.

<sup>17</sup>Pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give  
thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of GOD  
in CHRIST JESUS for you.



<sup>19</sup>Do not quench the SPIRIT.