

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Pastor

*Opening prayer

(for an individual meditation in silence)

Mighty GOD, pour out YOUR HOLY SPIRIT on all of us gathered here. As we follow in Mary's footsteps, open our hearts, that we might be filled with YOUR goodness and YOUR love. Live in us, that we might bear the CHRIST light for all to see. Overshadow us with YOUR presence, that we might truly be blessed and offer YOUR blessing of love to the world. Amen.

Music

"O Come, All Ye Faithfull"

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38;

Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

"Mary Did You Know"

David Cost

Message

Luke 1:26-38;

Pastor

"Here Am I, The Servant Of The Lord"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Affirmation of Faith *(for an individual affirmation in silence)*

Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

I believe in the Living GOD who is directly involved in the affairs of the world.
I believe that GOD chooses the meek and the poor to shame the proud and the rich.
I believe in the incarnate Word, leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in poverty.
I believe in JESUS, true son of Mary, true SON of GOD, who came among us in weakness,
I believe, that we might come to know the profound strength available to common people who turn to GOD in trust and with love.
Yes, my friends; this, I truly believe! Amen!

Prayer

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

Music

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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

Offering

"Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"

May GOD strengthen you according to the Gospel.
May the proclamation of JESUS CHRIST dwell in your hearts and in your lives, and may the power of the HOLY SPIRIT be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept and keeps us home, and in this Advent season, the situation is much worse than at the beginning of 2020. My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org

After many talks last week, the Church Session, at my request, agreed to change the form of our Sunday Services until further notice. It will be a shorter Sunday Service led by your Pastor.

December 24, 2020 – Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m.

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

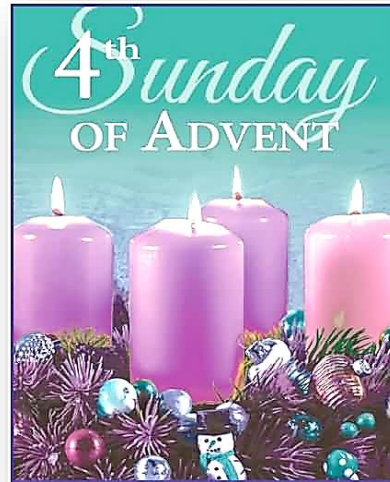
Be Strong, Never Give Up..., as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Good Days Will Return, And We Will Worship the LORD Together

✿ 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

Glorifying GOD begins with humility on our part. For Mary to receive the gift and challenge of bearing the CHRIST Child, she first listened to GOD's message with confusion and doubt. With faith, she accepted the prophetic promise and answered GOD's call saying, "Here am I, let it be." As Christmas nears, we are challenged to receive GOD's gifts with careful thought, with humility, and with faith. We are given a great opportunity, as the body of CHRIST, to continue bearing CHRIST for the world. In doing so, we assist in the bearing of GOD's realm and the glorification of GOD with our love.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am
The Fourth Sunday of Advent, DECEMBER 20, 2020



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!