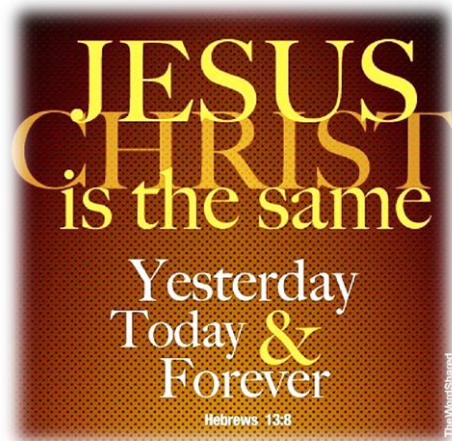


✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Opening prayer

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

You have come to a community of love and hospitality.

Here, God entreats us to see strangers as angels in disguise.

You have come to a community of worship.

Here, praising God is more important than puffing ourselves up.

Here, you are God's honored guest.

*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

God, we come to You today confessing our love of the first chair. Forgive us, when we yield more pride than excellence. Forgive us, God, when we forget that we serve for You, and not for ourselves. Forgive us, God, when we forget that humility and hospitality are close relatives, and that those who would be Your disciples are called to hold hands with the stranger. Make us less eager to fight for power and position and more willing to make room for those who have neither name nor strength. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

*Hymn

"Love Lifted Me"

#107 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14;

Children's Time

Hymn

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

#544 BH

Sermon

Hebrews 13:1-2, 7-8, 15-16;

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER!"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"In the Sweet By and By"

#505 BH

*Affirmation of Faith

*Response

"Glory Be to the Father"

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

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

#237 BH

*Charge & Benediction

**Practice humility and hospitality. Invite the lowly to your table.
May the way of faith we live offer sweet fruits of lips and praise to
GOD, and now, GO and proclaim "JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME
YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER!"
Amen.**

Postlude

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

Sunday, August 28, 2016,

2:00 p.m. – MOMS IN PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, June – August, 2016

BIBLE STUDY - SUMMER BREAK

Thursday, September 1, 2016

10:00 a.m. – LADIES' BIBLE STUDY as Scheduled

ALL – Ladies' Bible Study will be at 10:00 am

for both groups for the rest of the Summer

Friday, September 2, 2016,

8:00 a.m. – FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Thursday, September 8, 2016

6:00 p.m. – BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP MEAL

☞ 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

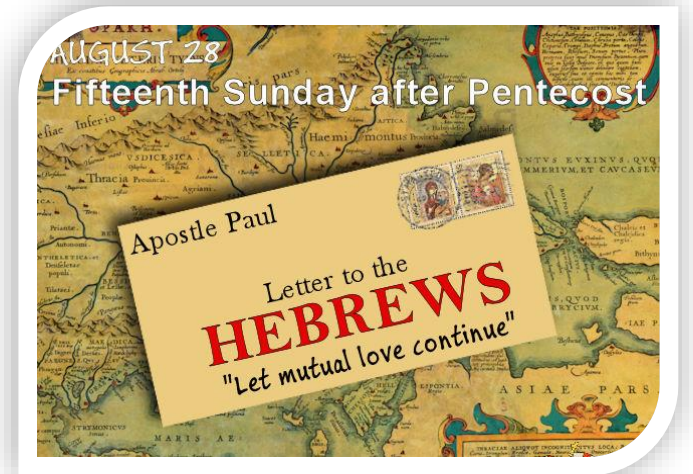
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THEME IDEAS

There is a moment of serendipity between the humility of Luke 14:7-14 and the hospitality of Hebrews 13. It could very well be that humility and hospitality are first cousins, or at least close friends, because it takes a good measure of humility to offer the kind of hospitality that puts the comfort and needs of one's guest ahead of our own - particularly when that guest is a stranger. And, it takes a certain measure of humility to resist the temptation to be the star at another person's dinner party, as Jesus advises in today's parable from Luke.



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CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

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