

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Invocation
Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. *Light the first candle.*

We light this candle for peace. *Light the second candle.*

We light this candle in joy. *Light the third (pink, if used) candle.*

We light this candle with love. *Light the fourth candle.*

GOD of HOPE, GOD of PEACE, GOD of JOY, and GOD of LOVE,
Teach us how to love one another as reflections of YOUR light in the world.
God of love, into our darkness come, please come. Amen!

*Opening Prayer

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a;

Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Sermon Hebrews 10:5-10;

"I Have Come to Do YOUR Will"

Ricky Tipps

196 BH

Chuck Goode

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Evelyn Goode

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Ricky Tipps

Evelyn Goode

188 BH

Pastor

David Cost

Pastor

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

*Hymn "Away in a Manager" # 208 BH

*Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor

It is hard to wait patiently, O GOD, for the gift of YOUR promised salvation.
We long to nurture the joyous expectation, but we have grown accustomed to living with
disappointment. Fill us with YOUR grace, that we may give perseverance to hope and joy,
and that we may abide in YOUR peace and love. In CHRIST'S name, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance & Encouragement

Do not let your hearts be troubled. GOD will not fail to lift you out of complacency
and fill your hearts to overflowing. Rise in joy and hope, for GOD'S promises are sure,
and CHRIST'S salvation is at hand. **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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 199 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 forth and bear CHRIST'S hope and peace to the world.
Go forth and bear the mystery of GOD'S joy and love before others.
Go forth and bless the world and share the SPIRIT of salvation.
Amen**

Postlude Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021;
5:30 p.m. – SOCIAL TIME – HOT APPLE CIDER & GINGERBREAD
6:00 p.m. – CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 26, 2021;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP

Sunday, January 2, 2022;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP

Friday, December 24, 2021;
9:00 a.m. – ~~NO FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST~~

Friday, December 31, 2021;
9:00 a.m. – FRIDAY'S BREAKFAST

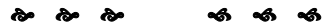
Sunday, January 9, 2022;
10:45 a.m. – MUSIC & WORSHIP
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION NEWLY
ELECTED TWO ELDERS

You Are All Invited

The Pastor's weekly messages are published on our website at 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.



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THEME IDEAS

Today's Scriptures are filled with joyous expectation. Micah proclaims that a joyous hope will come forth from Bethlehem - one who will bring gifts of security, peace, nurture, and strength for the people. Elizabeth receives Mary's visit with joyous expectation, as her baby leaps in her womb and she is filled with the HOLY SPIRIT. Receiving Elizabeth's blessing in return, Mary expresses joyous expectation for the child she carries for the world. Christmas is a time to be with expectation and joy. It is a time to receive anew the miraculous blessings that come when joyous expectations are fulfilled.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, DECEMBER 19, 2021



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

🎵 WORSHIP LEADERS 🎵

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
David Piatt & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome & Announcements*

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