

PRELUDE *The First Noel* arr. Sam Ellson
Teresa Wheeler, Organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE
*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*
*Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Liz Peacock, Deacon
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Liz Peacock

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES Kerry Johnson
Thank you for choosing to worship with us at The Ridge today! If you are visiting, please fill out one of the green cards on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate at the end of the service. We're so glad to have you here, and we're grateful to know of your presence with us.

RESPONSIVE READING *Isaiah 40* Kerry Johnson
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, says your God.
The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs, and carry them in his arms, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Shepherds and Angels!* arr. Larry Shackley
Lee Ann Spahr, Flute

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE **Peace** Michael Hawkins
Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in peace, the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.
Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC *It Came upon a Midnight Clear* arr. Brent Olstad
Kimberley Stover & Lee Ann Spahr, Flutists

MORNING PRAYER Sandra Jolly

ANTHEM *Love's Pure Light, Silent Night* Trotta & Mohr

SCRIPTURE READING *John 10:11-16* Liz Peacock
LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.
PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

STORY *Shepherd's Pies* Trey Davis

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. John Jacob Niles
Amy Kemp, Soprano

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
During this hymn, we invite you to reflect upon your relationship with God and your commitment to Christian service. If you would like to make a commitment to Christ or to become a member of Ridge Road Baptist Church, we invite you to come forward to speak with a pastor.

*Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!
O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!
Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore!*

***PASTORAL BLESSING** Trey Davis
As we go out into the world, we look for opportunities to share our blessings with others. If you would like to contribute to the ministry here at Ridge Road Baptist Church, offering plates are available on the altar up front for your gifts.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE
*Come, and worship, come, and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Sam Ellson
**please stand as you are able*

Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

Pray for the relationships that we continue to cultivate with internationals and Japanese in Kanazawa.

Continue to pray for Megumi Kindergarten at Kanazawa Baptist as it struggles with enrollment. Pray specifically that ten new students will enroll for the youngest class to begin in April.

Pray for preparations for Advent and Christmas. As Christmas approaches, new faces are often drawn to learn more about the Christian faith in both the Japanese and English services.

Thank you for joining us for the Week of Prayer for CBF Global Missions this month! We are blessed by your prayers and offerings that support CBF ministries around the world.



SUNDAY, December 10, 2023



Please make plans to join us for a traditional Christmas Eve worship service of candles, carols, and communion at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 24th. Because Christmas Eve is a Sunday, we will not have an evening service this year, but the morning service will feature multiple guest musicians and the familiar elements of our holiday worship.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

Mary Carraway	Phil Dickens
Sharon Donnal	Betty Duke
Bob & Jane Edwards	Martha Flynn
Patricia Lynn	Linda Pleasants
Helen Pevette	Vic Rackley

Family and Friends:

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Joel & Allison Cresimore
Linda DeSchreiver (niece of Jane Edwards)
Virginia Herran (sister of Jo Cresimore)
John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)
Marygena Lynn (sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)
Martha Marcom (cousin of Patricia Lynn)
Tommy Jenkins (former member)
Patti Lingafelt (former member)
Deb Johnson

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Liz Peacock
Next Week (Dec. 17).....Ellis Wheeler

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