



RIDGE ROAD  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
*at The Ridge*

*Third Sunday*  
**OF ADVENT**

*December 14, 2025 - joy -*

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## PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High  
arr. C. E. Walz

The Ridge Road Ringers  
Claudia Hinson, piano

## WELCOME &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Knight

*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.*

## LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLE

David Donnald

Three lights in the darkness shine brightly,

**Filling our hearts with their illumination.**

The candles enlighten with their glow,

**A light of understanding and celebration.**

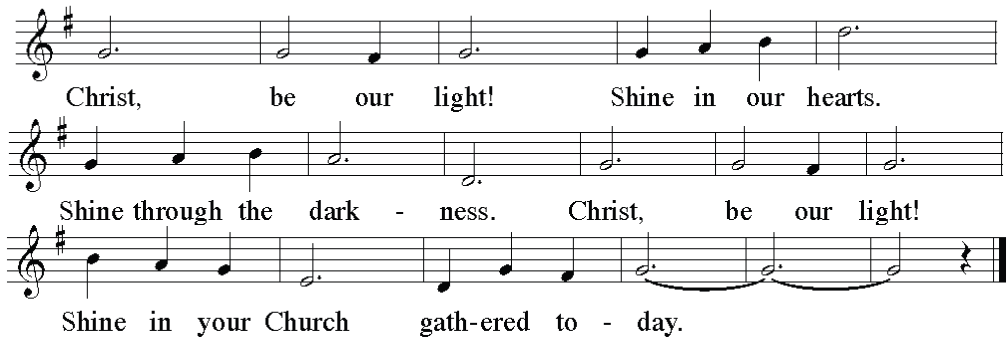
We see the triune God in the flames that burn;

**We are created, redeemed, sustained by God.**

Make our hearts like the light of these candles,

**Joyfully and expectantly awaiting the coming of Christ.**

Refrain



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## \*INVOCATION &amp; LORD'S PRAYER

Myriam Pierre, 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

Myriam Pierre

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Carol of the Bells  
arr. C. E. Walz

The Ridge Road Ringers  
Claudia Hinson, piano

## MORNING PRAYER

Abby Hinson

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-9

Myriam Pierre

These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.

**May the Spirit grant us understanding.**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE #175**

# O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

## STORY

Gladys & Irving

Trey Davis

# ANTHEM

Love Came Down at Christmas  
arr. Howard Helvey

The Ridge Road Choir  
Ellene Warner, oboe

## MORNING LITANY

## Jeremiah 29:11-14

Caleb Carter

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord

## Plans for your welfare and not for harm,

To give you a future with hope.

## Then when you call upon me

And come and pray to me, I will hear you.

**When you search for me, you will find me;**

If you seek me with all your heart,

**I will let you find me, says the Lord,**

And I will restore your fortunes

**And gather you from all the nations**

And all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord,

**And I will bring you back.**

**\*HYMN of COMMITMENT (insert)**

## Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

JEFFERSON

*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.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

## \*POSTLUDE

Concerto in A Minor, I. Allegro  
Antonio Vivaldi

Claudia Hinson, piano  
Ellene Warner, oboe

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Deacon of the Day

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Today Myriam Pierre  
Next week (12/21) Teresa Wheeler

## Coming soon to the Ridge

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12/14, today: *Deadline to submit to Holiday Magic*

12/15: *Light in the Darkness worship service, 6:30PM, sanctuary*

12/19-20: *Alli Mae Carnes Studio presents 'Band Geeks' in the chapel*

12/21: *Lessons & Carols worship*

12/24: *Christmas Eve Service, noon, sanctuary, followed by a reception in the chapel*

## Announcements

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On Monday evening, **December 15**, we are joining with Common Thread Church to provide **Light in the Darkness, a worship experience for those suffering loss** in all its forms. We will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30PM for a time of reflection, prayer, music, and silence. Our hope is that this will be a time to collectively acknowledge what we have lost, hold space for our pain, and breathe in a little hope from our God who promises that the story – though often difficult – is ultimately good.

This year we will celebrate the final Sunday of Advent, **December 21, with a special service of Lessons & Carols**. Our worship will feature a guest brass quintet from Click Symphony, Elaine Holley on violin, and multiple soloists. It'll be a day filled with beautiful sounds and a spirit of love here at The Ridge.

We invite you to join us **at noon on Christmas Eve** for a worship service in the sanctuary followed by a reception in the chapel.

### **From the Missions Team: Holiday Magic at Washington Elementary School**

This season help create holiday magic for a child in our community. Through the Holiday Magic program, you can **sponsor a child by purchasing a gift or providing a gift card** that will remind them they are cared for. Join us in giving the gift of happiness this year!

You have two giving options:

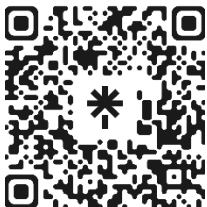
1. You can sign up to provide presents for a child using the link sent in the e-newsletter. Simply put Ride Road Baptist Church in the name column of a child you would like to sponsor (no need to put phone number or email.) Gift suggestions are listed, but please keep purchases within a \$30 price range. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Place all gifts in a large bag and tape the number of the child you are sponsoring to the bag.
2. Alternatively, gift cards to Target or Walmart are also welcomed. No sign-ups are required for this option. Please keep all gift cards to \$25.00.

There will be a red bin in the narthex to collect physical gifts, and gift card donations can be placed in the offering plate. All items must be in by **Sunday, December 14th**.

## Important Links

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Scan the QR code (left) to sign up for the RRBC weekly newsletter, give online via EasyTithe, visit our website, & more.



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