



RIDGE ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH
at The Ridge


Third Sunday
OF ADVENT

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PIANIST
Claudia Hinson



PRELUDE

Once in Royal David’s City
arr. Sally DeFord

Claudia Hinson, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trey Davis

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP #202

How Great Our Joy

JUNGST

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! (Great our joy!)
Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!
(Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!)

*INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER

Ellis Wheeler, 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.

*HYMN of PRAISE #184

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*PASSING of the PEACE

Ellis Wheeler

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 19:17

Ellis Wheeler

These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.
May the Spirit grant us understanding.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

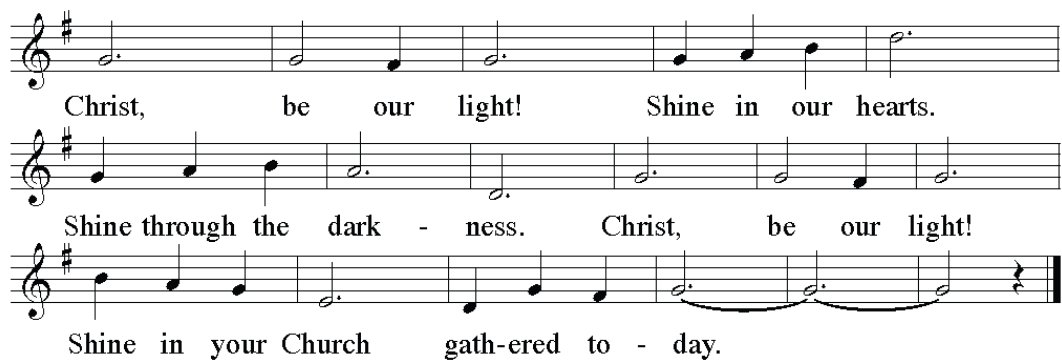
The First Noel
arr. Matthew Hager

Alli Mae Carnes, soprano
Matthew Hager, baritone

LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLE

Jill Knight

We light a candle to celebrate
A birthday, a graduation, a wedding, an anniversary,
The coming of a savior, a Wonderful Counselor, a mighty child.
We rejoice even as we anticipate.
We pray for joy that emanates from deep within,
One we cannot explain, like the mystery of fire itself.
Make our hearts like the light of this candle,
Spreading joy, shining for others, awaiting the coming of Christ.



MORNING PRAYER

Trey Davis

ANTHEM

Sussex Carol
 arr. Philip M. Young

The Ridge Road Choir

STORY

Ring Them Bells

Trey Davis

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Mary, Did You Know?
 Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

Alli Mae Carnes, soprano

RESPONSE

from Isaiah 12:2-6

Charlotte Craver

In our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid,

For the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."

With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

In our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

And we will say on that day: "Give thanks to the LORD;

Call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations;

Proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

Let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*HYMN of COMMITMENT (insert)

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

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.

Order continued on reverse side.

*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

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
arr. Tedd Smith

Claudia Hinson, piano


**Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon of the Day	Announcements
Today Next week (12/22)	Our Christmas Eve service this year will take place at noon in our sanctuary. It will include many familiar elements, including carols, candles, and communion. Immediately following the service, we invite you to a reception in the chapel. We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship together.
Coming soon to the Ridge	
12/24: Christmas Eve service at noon in the sanctuary, reception following in the chapel	
Prayer Requests	

- Church Members

Mary Carraway
Phil Dickens
Betty Duke
Bob & Jane Edwards
Martha Flynn
Deb Johnson
Patricia Lynn
Margie Parker
Linda Pleasants
Helen Prevette
- Family and Friends

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Joel & Allison Cresimore (son and daughter-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Linda DeSchreiver (niece of Jane Edwards)
Virginia Herran (sister of Jo Cresimore)
John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Tommy Jenkins (former member)
Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)
Marygena Lynn (sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)
Kent Mitchell (brother-in-law of Phil Kirk and uncle of Ashlee Kirk)
Carolyn Peck (mother of Angela Kirk Prenoveau)



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