

**PRELUDE** *When I Look into Your Holiness* Cathy & Wayne Perrin

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* Baker & Dubois

**INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Charlotte Craver

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** Charlotte Craver

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES** Amy Kemp

*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** *Psalms 51* Amy Kemp

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin, for I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.

**Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.**

Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness,

**Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sin and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**ANTHEM** *Create in Me* arr. by Scott Hyslop

**MORNING PRAYER** Sandra Jolly

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Leviticus 22:6-8; Matthew 3:11-17* Charlotte Craver

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

**PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.**

**\*HYMN 592** (Green) *Refiner's Fire* Brian Doerksen

**SERMON** *Wade in the Water* Trey Davis

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 591** (Green) *Purer in Heart, O God* Davison & Fillmore  
*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.*

**\*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** *Purer in Heart, O God* Davison & Fillmore  
*Purer in heart, O God, help me to be;  
 May I devote my life wholly to Thee.  
 Watch Thou my wayward feet, guide me with counsel sweet;  
 Purer in heart, help me to be.*

**POSTLUDE** *Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine* MARYTON

*\*please stand as you are able*

**NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<i><b>The Gospel According to Mark</b></i> Performed by Ashley Strand	<i><b>Baptist Day of Service</b></i> Hosted by the RBA	<i><b>RRBC Reunion</b></i> w/ preacher Dr. Mickey Blackwell
Friday, September 16, 7:00 PM Chapel	Saturday, September 17, 9:00 AM Multiple sites	Sunday, September 18, 11:00 AM Sanctuary
Actor Ashley Strand brings his one man show to The Ridge, performing the entire gospel of Mark in the King James translation and bringing its poetic language to life. This performance is free. Details: <a href="https://www.kingjameslive.org/">https://www.kingjameslive.org/</a> .	Join with Baptists from all over Wake County in a day of service. Projects include Rise Against Hunger food packing, Habitat for Humanity construction, clothing drives for A Note in the Pocket, and projects for the State Fair Ministry. Details and registration: <a href="https://baptistdayofservice.org/">https://baptistdayofservice.org/</a> . (see insert in today's bulletin for more details)	Several former students who made Ridge Road Baptist their home in the 1970s will join us for worship this Sunday. We also welcome former youth and college minister Dr. Mickey Blackwell to the pulpit this week. All are invited to a BBQ lunch at church immediately following worship.

## MISSIONS UPDATE

### **Letter from Laura and Carson Foushee, CBF Field Personnel to Japan**

For the last several years, we have been in conversation with the Japan Baptist Convention about our next long-term ministry location and focus. We have specifically sought your prayers for presentations and interviews about where God was calling us. We are excited to finally share that in August we will be returning to the city of Kanazawa to serve in partnership with Kanazawa Baptist Church. We were blessed to serve our first three years in Japan with Kanazawa Baptist, so we will be going back to our roots to serve alongside a congregation that has had profound impact on our lives.

In our discernment process, we sought a congregational partner which could help create a model in which field personnel and church members use their gifts to work together toward a common vision. We also sought a partner that had a passion to serve internationals. It is estimated that by 2040 Japan will need four times its current number of international workers to maintain its average economic growth. This would mean a stark increase in the number of immigrants and migrant workers coming to Japan. After conversations with candidate churches from across the country, we felt Kanazawa Baptist provided us the best opportunity to meet these hopes in joining God on mission. We know first-hand the church's willingness to join in service beyond its doors and its vision to reach further into the city and prefecture to serve its neighbors, including those with international roots. We pray that we will be able to work together toward this vision to produce good fruit.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### **Church Members:**

Mary B. Carraway     Betty Duke  
Joe Ellen             Martha Flynn  
Felicia Goodman     Terry Kemp  
Patricia Lynn         Linda Pleasants  
Helen Prevette

#### **Family and Friends:**

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)  
Linda DeSchreiber (niece of Jane Edwards)  
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)  
Patsy Small (mother of Sue Johnson)  
Tommy Jenkins (former member)

### DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Charlotte Craver  
Next Week (Sept 4).....Luther Smith

### GIVING

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The **Flower Calendar** is posted outside the church office. You may reserve a Sunday (or more!) to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones.

To receive our weekly digital newsletter, please email [lmccoy@rrbch.com](mailto:lmccoy@rrbch.com). It's the quickest and easiest way for us to let you know about all of the different things going on here at the Ridge.



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