

PRELUDE *Christmas Prelude* arr. Sam Ellson
Teresa Wheeler, Organist

***CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *How Great Our Joy* JUNGST

*While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.*

Refrain: *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!*

*There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today. (Refrain)*

*This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill. (Refrain)*

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

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Joy* Ray & Charlotte Craver

Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in joy,
the joy that we have in Jesus, our Savior.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES
Dan Campbell, Guitarist

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 95 & Luke 2* Kerry Johnson

O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. *(continue next page)*

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods, in whose hand is the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were much afraid.

And the angel said unto them, fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

***HYMN 181** *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH
(Verses 1 & 4)

MORNING PRAYER Trey Davis

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey
Mary Ann Davis & Dan Campbell

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 1:26-30, 46-55* Charlotte Craver
(NT pg. 56-57)

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

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM *Children, Let's Wait for the Baby* Thomas Keesecker

SERMON *The Surprise of the Magnificat* Trey Davis

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 199** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES
(Verses 1 & 2)

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 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** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

*O Come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard On High* arr. Sam Ellson

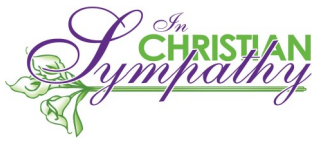
**please stand as you are able*

Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

Pray for the opportunity to share Jesus this Christmas. With so much commercial Christmas activity, new friends are drawn to learn more about the holiday in both the Japanese and English services.

Pray for the Fukui Church as it awaits the decision on the new building proposal in the new year.

Continue to pray for our friend from a conflict area who is seeking long-term stability for his family.



The Ridge Road Baptist Church family extends our condolences to Sue Johnson and family upon the death of her mother, Patsy Small, who passed away Monday, December 5th in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Please keep Sue, Kerry, and their family in your prayers.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Mary B. Carraway | Felicia Goodman |
| Joel & Allison Cresimore | Terry Kemp |
| Betty Duke | Patricia Lynn |
| Bob & Jane Edwards | Linda Pleasants |
| Joe Ellen | Helen Prevette |
| Martha Flynn | |

Family and Friends:

- Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
- Linda DeSchreiber (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)

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Charlotte Craver
Next Week (Dec 18).....Joel Hobby

GIVING

Easy, Secure **Online Giving** is available on our website at www.rrbch.com. Convenient **Mobile Giving** is also available by scanning this QR code or downloading the FREE **EasyTithe** app on your smart device.



To receive our weekly digital newsletter, please email lmcoy@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.



Packets of envelopes are available in the church office. This year, the envelopes are non-dated, and have no names or numbers. If you would like a packet of the envelopes to keep at home for your use, please pick one up today. Thank you!



SUNDAY, December 11, 2022



Pastor
Dr. Trey Davis
tdavis@rrbch.com

Minister of Music
Kerry Johnson
kjohnson@rrbch.com

Office Administrator
Lois McCoy
lmccoy@rrbch.com

2011 Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607

Church 919.787.4423
Dial-A-Prayer 919.787.8823

www.rrbch.com

Hearing assistance devices available from usher
Services are available on YouTube