

PRELUDE *Christmas Day in the Morning* arr. Larry Shackley
Elaine Holley, violin; John Holley, viola; Caleb Carter, trumpet

***CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA
*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.*
Refrain: *Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? (Refrain)*
*Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Joel Hobby, 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** Joel Hobby

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 **Love** Rennie & Joel Hobby
Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in love,
the love that Jesus, our Savior has for us.
Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* arr. Matt Riley
John Holley, viola

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalms 136:1-9* Phil Kirk
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods.
His faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords.
His faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles.

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His faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to him who made the heavens so skillfully.
His faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to him who placed the earth on the water.
His faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights—
His faithful love endures forever.
The sun to rule the day,
His faithful love endures forever.
And the moon and stars to rule the night.
His faithful love endures forever.

***HYMN 187** *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* WALTHAM

MORNING PRAYER Phil Kirk

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Child is This/Away in a Manger* arr. John Dempsey
Caleb Carter, trumpet; Elaine Holley, violin

SCRIPTURE READING *Jeremiah 29:10-14; Luke 12:22-31* Joel Hobby
(OT pg. 731; NT pg. 74)

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

ANTHEM *The First Noel/Pachelbel's Cannon* arr. Michael Clawson

SERMON *Building a Surprise* Trey Davis

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 191** *The Birthday of a King* NEIDLINGER
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** *The Birthday of a King* NEIDLINGER
*Alleluia! Oh, how the angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light, 'Twas the birthday of a King.*

POSTLUDE *Sing We Now of Christmas* FRENCH CAROL

**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.

END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDER

A friendly reminder that all donations to be counted for the 2022 tax year must be received by December 31st.

MAIL: Any items sent in the mail must be postmarked by **December 31st**.

OFFICE DROP OFF: Due to holiday office hours, if you are planning to drop off a donation to the church office, please do so no later than **Friday, December 30th**.

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 pm

Our traditional Christmas Eve service for all ages

Christmas Morning Service

Sunday, December 25th at 10:00 am

Meet us in the chapel for a Christmas morning celebration and breakfast

New Year's Day Vespers Service

Sunday, January 1st at 5:00 pm

Our normal worship service moves to the chapel for a special Sunday in an intimate setting. We will not have a Sunday morning service.

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!



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.....Joel Hobby

Next Week (Dec. 25).....Phil Kirk

GIVING

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To receive our weekly digital newsletter, please email lmccoy@rbch.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.



SUNDAY, December 18, 2022



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