

PRELUDE *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Larry Shackley
Lee Ann Spahr, FLutist

CALL TO WORSHIP *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Michael Ryan
The Ridge Road Ringers, directed by Janet Carter

INVOCATION AND 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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Ellis Wheeler

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES Steve Jolly
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 *Isaiah 9* Steve Jolly
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; the rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest.

For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

***HYMN 203** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* CHRISTMAS
(Verses 1 & 5)

MORNING PRAYER Glenn Harder

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Carol Jubilee* arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE **Peace** Darry, Kevin & Margie Parker
Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in peace, the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mary, Did You Know?* Arr. Lloyd Larson
Lee Ann Spahr, Flute & Hannah Byers, Clarinet

SCRIPTURE READING *Jeremiah 23:5-8; Luke 21:25-28* Ellis Wheeler
(OT pg. 725; NT pg. 85-86)
LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.
PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM *Love Came Down at Christmas* Howard Helvey

SERMON *The Communal Gasp* Trey Davis

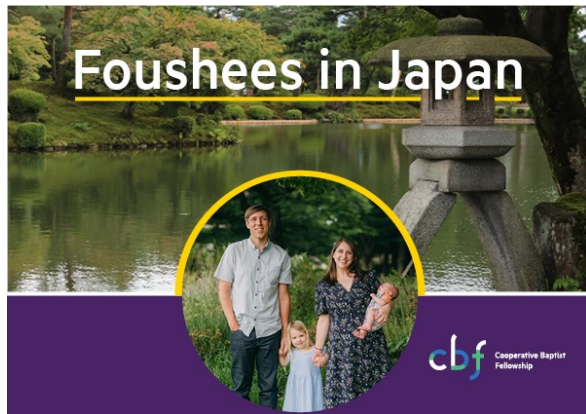
***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 172** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER
(Verses 1 & 4)
During this hymn, we invite you to reflect upon your relationship with God and your commitment to Christian service. If you would like to make a commitment to Christ or to become a member of Ridge Road Baptist Church, we invite you to come forward to speak with a pastor.

***PASTORAL BEDICTION** 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** *Gloria Patri* Christoph Meineke
*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

POSTLUDE *Sussex Carol* Ralph Vaughan Williams

**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.

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)
 Patsy Small (mother of Sue Johnson)
 Tommy Jenkins (former member)

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Ellis Wheeler
 Next Week (Dec 11).....Charlotte Craver

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