

PRELUDE *Grace* C. Hamlin, arr. K. Renfrow
Claudia Hinson, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP** "Blest Be The Tie" DENNIS
*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Marie Sumerel, 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** Marie Sumerel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Marie Sumerel
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.

MORNING LITANY from Joel 2:12-17 Evelyn Alexander
"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."
Rend your heart and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger and abounding in love, and relenting from sending calamity.
Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing.
Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.
Gather the people, consecrate the assembly;
Bring together the elders, gather the children,
Let them say, "Spare your people, Lord."
Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate.

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL
The Ridge Road Ringers arr. M. & S. Eithun

SCRIPTURE READING *Jonah 3:1-10* Marie Sumerel
LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.
PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (insert) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

MORNING PRAYER Leigh Baker

HOMILY *Who Cares About Nineveh?* Trey Davis

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* arr. K. L. Scott
The Ridge Road Choir

COMMUNION Trey Davis
As a church that affirms all Christian traditions, we invite everyone for whom this ritual is meaningful to the table. We use gluten free bread and grape juice so that any who wish to participate may do so.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 104** NEW BRITAIN
Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound
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** "Blest Be The Tie" DENNIS
*When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again*

***POSTLUDE** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" S. Gesangbuch
arr. K. Mays

**please stand as you are able*

STAFF UPDATE

We would like to welcome to our church staff Claire Willmschen who will be working in the office. Claire is a UNC-Chapel Hill grad with a degree in Media & Journalism. Over the next few weeks, she will be helping take over the office administrator duties in addition to other church communications. You can reach Claire over email at cwillmschen@rrbch.com or by phone at (919)-720-3870. Feel free to reach out and give her a warm welcome!



Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

Pray for Mori san as he continues in this exciting walk of faith alongside KBC. Pray also for the support of the KBC community to support him in this journey. Pray for the people of the Noto Peninsula and the helpers in the region in the aftermath of the earthquake. Pray also for guidance for our partners and for us on how best to support our neighbors in the months and years



Financial Giving Statements for 2023 were emailed or mailed in January. If you do not receive your statement, please contact the church office.

There will be a **Church Business Meeting** immediately following worship **today**, Sunday, February 4th.

The **Ash Wednesday** service will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, February 14th.



On Sunday, February 25, we will worship at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. Immediately following worship, at 11:00, we will be hosting a **Rise Against Hunger** food packing event with the other churches that worship on our campus. Please make plans to join us for this special day.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

Mary Carraway Phil Dickens
Sharon Donnal Betty Duke
Bob & Jane Edwards Martha Flynn
Bob Himes Patricia Lynn
Liinda Pleasants Helen Prevette
Vic Rackley

Family and Friends:

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Joel & Allison Cresimore
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)
Deb Johnson (former member)

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Marie Sumerel
Next Week (Feb. 11).....Liz Peacock

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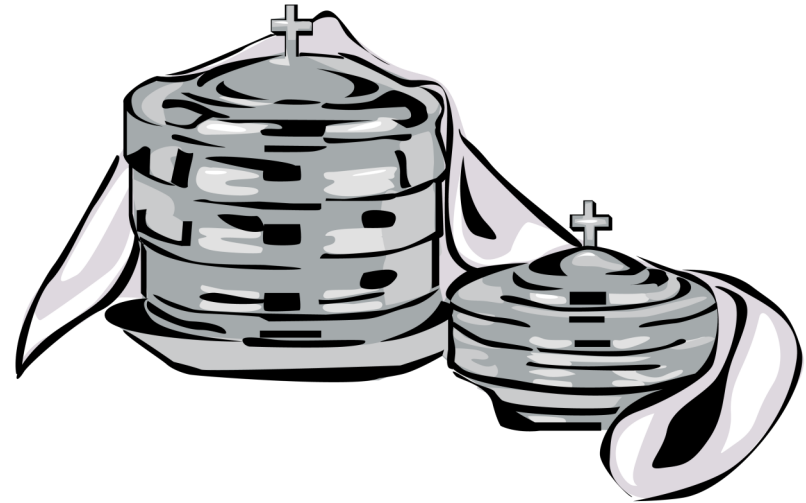
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SUNDAY, February 4, 2024



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