

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright</i> Claudia Hinson, piano	P. Nicolai arr. D. von Rosenberg
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i> <i>When morning gild the skies, My heart awaking cries,</i> <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> <i>Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair;</i> <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> <i>In heaven's eternal bliss The loveliest strain is this,</i> <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i> <i>Let earth, and sea, and sky From depth to height reply</i> <i>May Jesus Christ be praised!</i>	LAUDES DOMINI
<b>*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Kevin Parker, 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	
<b>*PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		Kevin Parker
<b>WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>		Trey Davis
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>MORNING LITANY</b>	<i>from "Litany for the Morning Star"<sup>1</sup></i>	Charlotte Craver
	Jesus, we have seen your majesty, and we are captivated <b>By the light of your face, shining like the sun</b> Every message of hope <b>Every message of peace</b> Every message of reconciliation. <b>The identity and character of God made known in the Son.</b> We will look to you. <b>We will love by your light</b> Until the day dawns <b>And the Morning Star rises in our hearts.</b>	
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i> The Ridge Road Choir	M. & B. Redmon

<sup>1</sup>Fran Pratt, "Litany for the Morning Star." A Collection of Litanies from Fran Pratt.  
<https://www.franpratt.com/litanies/2017/2/22/transfiguration-Sunday-litany-for-the-morning-star>

<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<i>Revelation 22:1-5, 16-17</i>	Kevin Parker
	LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ. <b>PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.</b>	
<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>		Trey Davis
<b>*HYMN 193</b>	<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	DIX
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Starting the Year with the End of the Bible</i>	Trey Davis
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<i>Child in a Manger</i> Claudia Hinson, piano	arr. J. M. Stevens
<b>RESPONSIVE READING</b>	<i>from "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"</i>	Abby Hinson
	Come heavenly Brightness, Light divine, <b>Your beam shines forth in truth and light.</b> Your brilliance, emitted long ago, arrives now and delivers your promise. <b>A sparkling promise of hope, wisdom, and kindness.</b> Shine deep within our hearts and there make yourself an altar. <b>Fill us with joy and strength, joined eternally in unwavering love.</b> Come heavenly Brightness, clear and bright Morning Star, <b>Shine through us in our darkness, and fill our world with your light.</b> <b>We are ready for you now!</b>	
<b>*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 314</b>	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	CORONATION
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Trey Davis
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>*CHORAL RESPONSE</b>	<i>Take the Name of Jesus with You</i>	W. Doane
	Take the name of Jesus with you, Child of sorrow and of woe; It will joy and comfort give you, Take it then where'er you go. Precious name, oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n; Precious name, oh how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.	
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Rejoice!</i> Claudia Hinson, piano	arr. J. Rouse

*\*please stand as you are able*

## Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

Following the earthquake in Japan, the Foushees sent this update: We are preparing to board our flight from Western Australia to Tokyo and then will take the train on to Kanazawa. We ask for prayer for the journey as we prepare to return home. Though our city has been largely spared the worst damage, tremors have continued and much of the rescue effort is based out of Kanazawa for the northern part of Ishikawa Prefecture. Continue to pray for those suffering from loss and for those seeking to help in the rescue efforts.



Our annual chili cook-off is coming up **next Sunday** (Jan. 14) at 5:00 PM! Sample a variety of homemade chili during a night of fellowship and food. For planning purposes, please let Linda Broughman ([lbroughman@nc.rr.com](mailto:lbroughman@nc.rr.com)) know as soon as possible if you are able to bring a chili and/or dessert.



Help us welcome Claudia Hinson as she leads our music during the month of January.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### **Church Members:**

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

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

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

### DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Kevin Parker  
Next Week (Jan. 14).....David Donald

### GIVING

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