

RIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
at The Ridge

A SERVICE OF
LESSONS & CAROLS

Fourth Sunday
OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025 - love -

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Pianist

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PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake!
Cantata BWV. 140
J. S. Bach; arr. Rolf Smedvig

The Click Symphony
Brass Quintet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 the ADVENT CANDLE

Caroline Childrey

Four lights in the darkness shine abundantly.

Their brightness welcomes all kindred spirits.

The candles eliminate the darkness,

Just as the love Christ has for us eliminates the shadows of hatred.

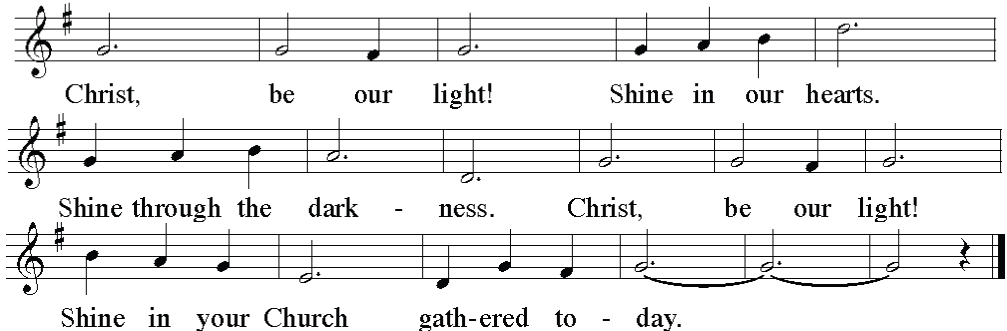
We see *agape*, a love that is pure and unconditional, in the light of this wreath,

A love that embraces, consoles, inspires.

Make our hearts like the light of these candles,

Warmly and lovingly awaiting the coming of Christ.

Refrain



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***INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

Teresa 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**

Teresa Wheeler

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL #199**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

The First Lesson

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3:8-15

Brett Pardue

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

May the Spirit grant us understanding.

SOLO

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Mary Ann Davis, soprano

Robert MacGimsey

The Second Lesson

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Dick Heidgerd

The people who walked in darkness

Have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

On them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;

They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders,

The rod of their oppressor, you have broken.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

Authority rests upon his shoulders,

And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace

For the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

With justice and with righteousness

From this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

The Ridge Road Choir

Thodore Baker/Michael Praetorius

MORNING PRAYER

Trey Davis

The Third Lesson

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Leigh Baker

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

May the Spirit grant us understanding.

SOLO

Be Born In Me

Allison Pardue, soprano

Nichole Nordeman & Benie Herms

Brett Pardue, piano

The Fourth Lesson

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Phil Kirk

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

ANTHEM

Celtic Silent Night
arr. Patrick Tierney

The Ridge Road Choir

The Fifth Lesson

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

Scott Peacock & Bailey Underwood

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."* ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
¹⁴**"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."**

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL #179**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

The Sixth Lesson

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

Joel Hobby

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
arr. Luther Henderson

The Click Symphony
Brass Quintet

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella.
Bring a torch, come hurry and run.
It is Jesus, good folk of the village,
Christ is born, and Mary's calling:
Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Mother, Ah!
Ah! Beautiful is the Child!

It is wrong when the baby is sleeping,
It is wrong to speak so loud;
Silence now, as you come near the cradle,
Lest you awaken little Jesus,
Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Mother, Ah!
Ah! Beautiful is the Child!

Skies are glowing, the heavens are cloudless,
Bright the path to the manger bed.
Hasten, all who would see little Jesus,
Shining bright as yonder star,
Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Mother, Ah!
Ah! Beautiful is the Child!

MORNING PRAYER

Owen Fulk

The Seventh Lesson

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

Trey Davis

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ANTHEM

Of the Father’s Love Begotten
arr. Lloyd Larson

The Ridge Road Choir

***HYMN of COMMITMENT #180**

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

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.

***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**

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE**

Carols in Concert
arr. Rebecca Bonam

Claudia Hinson, Jill Knight,
Brett Pardue, and Teresa
Wheeler, piano

**Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon of the Day

Today Teresa Wheeler
Next week (12/28) Bonnie Kemp

Coming soon to the Ridge

12/21, today: *Lessons & Carols worship*

12/24: *Christmas Eve Service, noon, sanctuary, followed by a reception in the chapel*

1/4: *Vespers service, 5PM, sanctuary*

1/11-2/1: *Winter Bible Study during the Sunday school hour*

1/23: *Trivia Night at The Ridge*

Announcements

We want to extend a huge word of thanks to all our **guest musicians** today including the brass quintet from Click Symphony (Tyrone Williamson, trumpet; Joshua Newman; trumpet; Samantha Kuni, French horn; Ben Hazel, trombone; and Chance Gatewood, tuba), Brett and Alison Pardue, Mary Ann Davis, and Elaine Holley, violin.

You are invited to our **Christmas Eve Service** this Wednesday **at noon**. This special communion service will be **followed by a reception in the chapel**, giving us time and space to connect with our church family on this important holiday for our faith.

On **Sunday, January 4 we will host an evening Vespers service** in addition to our normal Sunday morning worship. This reflective service will take place at **5PM in the sanctuary**.

Our next **Bible study** will begin **on Sunday, 1/11 and continue each week until 2/1**. These lessons will take place during the Sunday school hour. More information to come!

Prayer Requests

Church Members

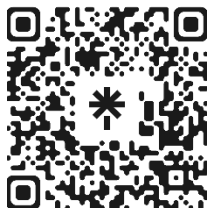
Mary Carraway
Phil Dickens
Bob & Jane Edwards
Patricia Lynn
Linda Pleasants
Helen Prevette
Gene Warren

Family and Friends

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Joel & Allison Cresimore (son and daughter-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Virginia Herran (sister of Jo Cresimore)
John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)
Hugh and Marygena Lynn (brother and sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)
Tommy Jenkins (former member)

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