



RIDGE ROAD  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
*at The Ridge*

*Second Sunday*  
**OF ADVENT**

*December 8, 2024 - peace -*

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## PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter  
arr. Ashley Danyew

The Ridge Road Ringers

## WELCOME &amp; 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.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP #199

*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

O Come All Ye Faithful  
*We give you all the glory,  
We give you all the glory,  
We give you all the glory,  
Christ the Lord!*

## ADESTE FIDELES

*For you alone are worthy,  
For you alone are worthy,  
For you alone are worthy,  
Christ the Lord!*

## \*INVOCATION &amp; LORD'S PRAYER

Myriam Pierre, 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.

## \*HYMN of PRAISE #176

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

## \*PASSING of the PEACE

Myriam Pierre

## LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLE

Luther & Marjo Smith

The flame is hot, but the light is soothing,

**Dancing on the wick, swift but subtle movement.**

Jesus' birth speaks fiery truth surrounded by gentle grace.

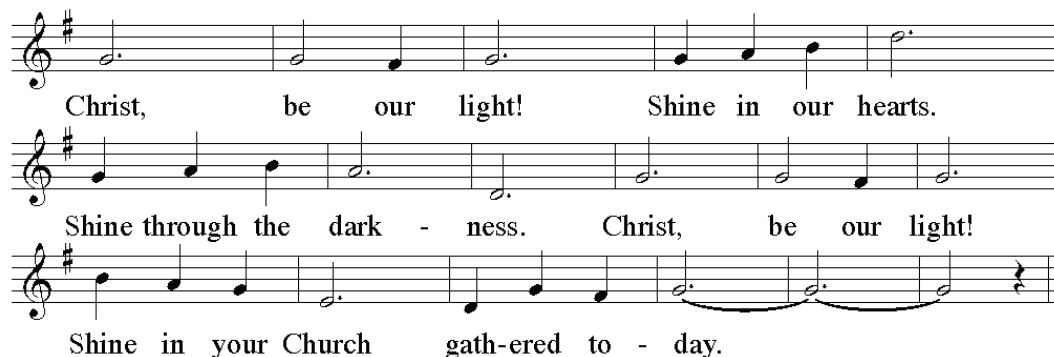
**We seek the same for ourselves.**

We pray for a peace that burns and dances,

**Emboldened inside by a passion that cannot be put out.**

Make our hearts like the light of this candle,

**Inwardly peaceful, outwardly gentle, awaiting the coming of Christ.**



SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Myriam Pierre

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

May the Spirit grant us understanding.

MORNING PRAYER

Leigh Baker

ANTHEM

Of the Father’s Love Begotten  
arr. Lloyd Larson

The Ridge Road Choir  
The Ridge Road Ringers

SERMON

Gentle on My Mind

Trey Davis

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
arr. Stephen Decesare

Amy Kemp, soprano

RESPONSE

from Proverbs 15

Ashlee Kirk

A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
**But a sharp tongue kindles a temper-fire.**  
The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge,  
**The soothing tongue is a tree of life.**  
Light in a messenger’s eyes brings joy to the heart,  
**And good news gives health to the bones.**  
Whoever heeds life-giving correction  
**Will be at home among the wise.**  
Wisdom’s instruction is to fear the Lord,  
**And humility comes before honor.**

\*HYMN of COMMITMENT (insert)

Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

PLEADING SAVIOR

*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

Angels We Have Heard on High  
arr. Carol Tornquist

Claudia Hinson, piano

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon of the Day

Today Myriam Pierre  
Next week (12/15) Leigh Baker

Coming soon to the Ridge

12/6-12/8: AMCS Alice in Wonderland Jr.  
performances  
12/13-12/14: AMCS Into the Woods Jr.  
performances  
12/24: Christmas Eve service at noon

**Today is the final day to give to the Holiday Magic Campaign** for children in need who attend Washington Elementary School. This year the school is asking for donations of \$25 gift cards from either Walmart or Target. You may place cards in the Offering plate or place them in the Mission’s mailbox in the church office. If you wish to make a financial donation, we will be glad to purchase cards for you. Please note in the memo line that the donation is for Holiday Magic or Washington Elementary School.

Prayer Requests

<i>Church Members</i>	<i>Family and Friends</i>
Mary Carraway	Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Phil Dickens	Joel & Allison Cresimore (son and daughter-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Betty Duke	Linda DeSchreiber (niece of Jane Edwards)
Bob & Jane Edwards	Virginia Herran (sister of Jo Cresimore)
Martha Flynn	John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Deb Johnson	Tommy Jenkins (former member)
Patricia Lynn	Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)
Margie Parker	Marygena Lynn (sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)
Linda Pleasants	Kent Mitchell (brother-in-law of Phil Kirk and uncle of Ashlee Kirk)
Helen Prevette	Carolyn Peck (mother of Angela Kirk Prenoveau)



Important Links

Scan the QR code (left) to sign up for the RRBC weekly newsletter, give online via EasyTithe, visit our website, and more.

Announcements

In addition to the gifts printed in last week’s insert, two Advent poinsettias were given by **George and Reba Worsley in memory of their parents, Estelle and George Hathaway, and George and Sallie Worsley.**

During the first 2 weeks of December, our partners **Alli Mae Carnes Studio and Aggregate Theatre Co.** will be hosting tech rehearsals for their upcoming performances of Alice in Wonderland Jr. and Into the Woods Jr. Be aware of them on campus each day and make plans to support them during their performances in the Chapel!

Our **Christmas Eve service** this year will take place at noon in our sanctuary. It will include many familiar elements, including carols, candles, and communion. Immediately following the service, we invite you to a reception in the chapel. We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship together.

