



RIDGE ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH
at The Ridge


First Sunday
OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024 - hope -

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PRELUDE

Claudia Hinson, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP #177**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS'

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!**Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.**It came a floweret bright,**Amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.****INVOCATION & 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 & 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

Craig & Suzanne Lorentzen

A spark lights a flame with great anticipation,

Stuttering, catching, flickering, spreading slowly, growing to fullness.

Likewise, Jesus appears on the horizon, distant but visible,

We patiently wait for his arrival.

We wait actively, eagerly, hopefully,

Our excitement spreads slowly and grows to fullness.

Make our hearts like the light of this candle,

Hopefully and patiently awaiting the coming of Christ.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gath-ered to - day.

*(Choir will sing first verse and chorus. Please join us on the chorus the second time.)***The PLACING of CHRISMONS**

Marie Sumerel

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27:7-14

Marie Sumerel

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

May the Spirit grant us understanding.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
arr. Howard Helvey

Mary Ann Davis, soprano

MORNING PRAYER

Jennifer Davis

*HYMN of PRAISE #175

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUE

SERMON

Patient Like Holly

Trey Davis

ANTHEM

O Come, Emmanuel
arr. Mary McDonald

The Ridge Road Choir
Mary Ann Davis, soprano
Gary Knight, tenor

RESPONSE

adapted from "Patience"
W. A. Rose

Dick Heidgerd

We are incomplete, acutely aware of what is missing

And we are overfull, smiling and weeping at the same time.

We are trapped in a game that claims our time

But offers nothing real.

Bottled up together, it all makes our hearts anxious.

God, set our minds at ease.

Remind us that all we need is patience,

Slow our pace, and bring us together.

We are not waiting in lethargy,

We are waiting expectantly,

Eagerly, excitedly, expeditiously,

Crowded but alone,

Blinded and caught in a bright light,

Churning through the season.

Cool the heat of our tension and speed

But do not quell our passion.

Find us our patience in the hope of what is coming,

And make us perfectly complete in your love.

*HYMN of COMMITMENT (insert)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

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

Claudia Hinson, piano

*Please stand as you are able.

Deacon of the Day

Today

Marie Sumerel

Next week (12/8)

Myriam Pierre

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

Announcements

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!


Make plans to join us for our **annual Christmas Eve service**. This year, the service will be at noon in the Sanctuary. A reception will be held following in the Chapel.

From the Missions Team:

Our **Holiday Magic Campaign** continues this week 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. **Donations must be given by Sunday, December 8.**

Prayer Requests

Please refer to our emailed newsletter for a full list of prayer requests.



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