

# Welcome!

Welcome to worship, friends and guests — brothers and sisters, all in the family of God! We are glad to worship with you today.

## GUEST REGISTRATION

Please tell us about yourself and those with you today. Provide as much information as you are comfortable sharing. If you leave your address, we will drop you a note of appreciation for your attendance in worship. Other than that, we will only contact you if you request it and in the manner you prefer.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact me by: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone

Age Groups (select all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Preschool \_\_\_\_\_ Grade School \_\_\_\_\_ Youth

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ I am/ We are looking for a church home.

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISES

Add to prayer list  Private (do not publish)

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### CHURCH MEMBERS

Betty Duke Joe Ellen  
Martha Flynn Felicia Goodman  
Terry Kemp Patricia Lynn  
Linda Pleasants Helen Prevette

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

Linda Creech (mother of former member Paige Kay)  
Linda DeSchreiber (niece of Jane Edwards)  
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)  
Patsy Small (mother of Sue Johnson)  
Robin Stirewalt (friend of Janet Carter)  
Ronnie Tate (brother of Sue Johnson)  
Carolyn & Van Trapp (sister/brother-in-law of Jo Cresimore)



### CARSON AND LAURA FOUSHEE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

- Pray for Tokiwadai Baptist Church as it ministers to its community during the Advent season. Pray that no matter whether people attend online or in-person that the light of Christ fills the hearts of all who worship with us and that more will come to know the transformational love of Jesus.
- Continue to pray for the application process that will lead to new long-term ministry with the JBC.
- Pray for Ada's cleft palate surgery scheduled for January 27 and the weeklong recovery in the hospital during which we will largely be separated from her.

Here is the current mailing address for the family:

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## GIVING UPDATE

### Information for the weeks of

December 5 and 12 unavailable at time of printing.

Easy, Secure **Online Giving** is available on our website at [www.rrbch.com](http://www.rrbch.com)



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## DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....David Donnald

Next Week (December 26).....Ashlee Kirk

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, December 19

9:15 am Midtown Worship  
9:45 am RRBC Sunday School  
10:45 am Midtown Fellowship on the Lawn  
11:00 am WORSHIP  
12:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
12:00 pm Karen Sunday School  
1:00 pm Karen Worship Service (Chapel)

### TUESDAY, December 21

7:00 pm Raleigh Coin Club

### WEDNESDAY, December 22

9:30 am Midtown Ladies' Bible Study  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, December 23

7:00 pm Midtown Worship Rehearsal

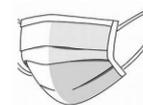
### FRIDAY, December 24

4:30 pm Midtown Christmas Eve Service  
5:45 pm **RRBC Christmas Eve Service**

### SUNDAY, December 26

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1:00 pm Karen Worship Service (Chapel)

Ridge Road Baptist Church and the City of Raleigh currently require masks to be worn in all indoor public spaces regardless of vaccination status.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021



**PRELUDE** *Duet for Viola & Violin* Beethoven  
Elaine Holley, Violin & John Holley, Viola

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES  
*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the king of angels!  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Mr. David Donald, 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 85** *The First Noel* Traditional English Carol  
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES** Dr. Trey Davis

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Mr. Donald  
She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.  
**She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**  
This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.  
**Jesus came. Jesus loved. Jesus wept. Jesus touched. Jesus died. Jesus gave. Jesus lives.**  
Let us come to Him because He came to us. Let us love one another because He first loved us. Let us weep with those who weep. Let us touch the untouchables. Let us die to self. Let us give and let us live.  
**Let this mind be in us today, this holy time. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** *Love* Janet Carter  
Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in love, the love that Jesus, our Savior has for us.  
**Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

**MORNING PRAYER** Dr. Steve Jolly

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Arr. By Catherine McMichael

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Luke 2:8-15* Dr. Davis  
LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.  
**PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.**

**ANTHEM** *Noel Festival* Arr. By Lloyd Larson

**SERMON** *Are You Afraid of the Light?* Dr. Davis

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 94** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE  
*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 BEDICTION** Dr. 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** *The First Nowell* Traditional English Carol  
*The first Nowell the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

**POSTLUDE** *Joy to the World/O Come All Ye Faithful* Arr. By Sam Ellson  
Mrs. Teresa Wheeler, Organist

*\*please stand as you are able*

**NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY** John and Elaine Holley on strings. John is a senior at Campbell University, and Elaine is a first-year student at Appalachian State University. Both are members at First Baptist Raleigh. We are grateful for their musical contributions to our worship service today!

**END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDER**  
Help us finish this year on solid financial footing by making sure your donations are in by 12/31/2021. Please note: any items sent in the mail **MUST** be postmarked by **December 31st** to be counted as a 2021 contribution.



**Friday, December 24**  
Ridge Road Baptist Church Service at 5:45 pm  
(Midtown Service at 4:30 pm)

**Communication Card (12/19/2021)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_



We will be updating the church directory in January. If any of your contact information has changed, please note it below. Thank you!

**UPDATE CHURCH DATABASE**

My contact information has changed. Please update the church database with the following new information:  
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