

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

## DECISION RESPONSE

I want more information about:

\_\_\_\_\_ Becoming a Christian

\_\_\_\_\_ Baptism

\_\_\_\_\_ Church membership

\_\_\_\_\_ I made a personal decision today to accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

Other needs/prayer requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FLOWERS



The fresh flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Mrs. Jo Cresimore in loving memory of her husband Jim Cresimore.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### CHURCH MEMBERS

Joe Ellen Linda Pleasants  
Terry Kemp Jackie Nutt  
Bonnie Kemp Felicia Goodman  
Patricia Lynn Betty Duke  
Jackie McDuffie Bob Hines  
Helen Prevette Susan Sherron

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

Anne Allen (former church member)  
Karen McCormick (friend of Rhonda Thomas)  
Jennifer LeMay (daughter of Jo Cresimore)  
Martha Marcom (cousin of Patricia Lynn)  
Patsy Small (mother of Sue Johnson)  
Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)  
Lynda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)



## Community Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24 at 5:00pm

Christmas Eve provides a very special worship opportunity for us to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Christ Jesus. Again this year we will join together with Midtown Community Church to worship as one family in Christ.

We hope you will join us as we light the Christ candle, hear a Christmas message, and sing carols by candlelight.

## GIVING UPDATE

### For the week of December 15, 2019

General Fund Offerings.....\$ 19,544  
Income (Rent/Facilities Use).....\$ 0  
Total Receipts.....\$ 19,544

Weekly Budget Requirement .....\$ 5,535  
This week's Net Excess/(Deficit).....\$ 14,009

Year to Date Budget Requirement.....\$ 276,750  
Year to Date Net Excess/(Deficit).....\$ (25,220)

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## DEACON OF THE DAY

Today ..... Ashlee Kirk

Next Week (December 29) ..... Teresa Wheeler

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:40 am RRBC SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 am Midtown Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 am RRBC WORSHIP  
1:00 pm Karen Bible Study (Chapel)  
2:00 pm Karen Worship (Chapel)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 am Midtown Kids - Ballet Classes (Kids Suite)  
6:30 pm EA Lawyer Group (Chapel)  
7:00 pm Midtown Leaders Meeting (Choir Rm.)  
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**Communion**

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 am Karen Christmas Worship (Chapel)  
**Merry Christmas**

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm Midtown Worship Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)  
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)



Merry Christmas

Interim Pastor  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 - 4:00  
Lunch 12:30 - 1:30

We're glad you're here!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019



Joseph has just been informed of the nature of Jesus and what he should do by an angel. In Matthew 1:24 Joseph carries out the angel's instructions. When he woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Oh, Come, Little Children Johann Schulz

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Ms. Ashlee Kirk, 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 89 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES Mr. Kerry Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Love Sharon & David Donald  
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.

RESPONSIVE READING Dr. Steve Jolly  
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.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

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.

ANTHEM The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon Arr. By Michael Clawson

MORNING PRAYER Dr. Jolly

\*HYMN 100 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Ms. Kirk

OFFERTORY It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Arr. By Sam Ellson

\*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS Doxology LASST UNSERFREUEN  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON TEXT Matthew 1:18-25 Dr. Jolly

ANTHEM Glory To The Newborn King Mock & Paige

SERMON The Love of His Life Dr. Jolly

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT The Love of God Frederick & Claudia Lehman  
At this time you are invited to come forward to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, become a member of Ridge Road Baptist Church, or share with this community of faith what Christ is doing in your life.

\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION Dr. Jolly

\*CHORAL RESPONSE Silent Night, Holy Night STILLE NACHT

POSTLUDE Angels from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE  
\*Please stand as you are able

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Can You Believe it was Carnegie Hall?

On December 2nd five members of our Chancel Choir performed in Carnegie Hall in New York City. We combined with several other churches from around the country to form a choir of about 275, along with piano and orchestra to do Pepper Choplin's Christmas Cantata "Heaven's Child".

We played to a near capacity crowd even though it was cold, rainy and icy outside. All rehearsals and the performance were led by the composer. It was a big success!

Communication Card (12/22/2019)

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

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

I would like to provide fresh flowers in the sanctuary on  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor/In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISES

Add to prayer list  Private (do not publish)  
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UPDATE CHURCH DATABASE

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