



RIDGE ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH
at The Ridge

Fourth Sunday
OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024 - love -

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Rev. Jill Knight | jknight@rrbch.com

PIANIST
Claudia Hinson

PRELUDE

People, Look East
arr. Jeremy Young

Claudia Hinson, piano
Elaine Holley, violin
Emily Taylor, flute

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.

*CALL to WORSHIP #189

Child in the Manger

BUNESSAN

Prophets foretold Him, Infant of wonder;
Angels behold Him on His throne;
Worthy our Savior of all our praises;
Happy forever are His own

*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Liz Peacock, 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

Liz Peacock

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Liz Peacock

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

*HYMN of PRAISE #179

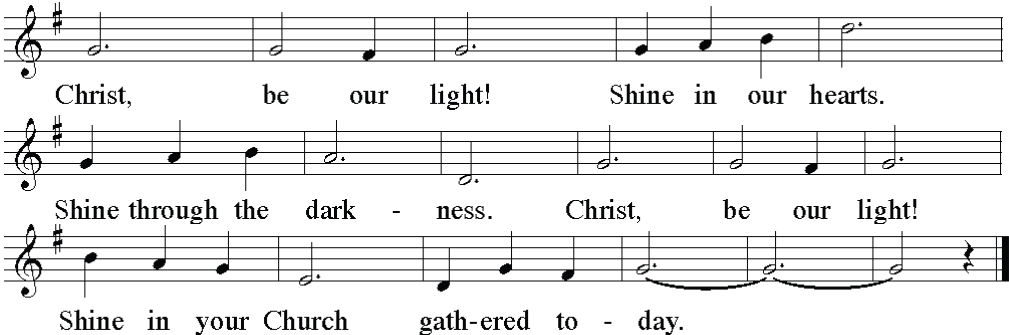
Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLE

Wilson Alexander & Abby Hinson

A raging fire burns wantonly and indiscriminately
But the fire of a candle is measured.
Jesus comes as a baby, God bound by fragile humanity.
We long to burn fiercely but controlled.
We pray for love that knows no bounds
But that still chooses restraint for the benefit of others.
Make our hearts like the light of this candle,
Passionately burning, lovingly disciplined, awaiting the coming of Christ.



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.

Steve Jolly

Come Flood This Heart of Mine
David Lantz III

The Ridge Road Choir
Elaine Holley, violin

Remote Self-Control

Trey Davis

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
arr. Jeremy Young

Claudia Hinson, piano
Elaine Holley, violin
Emily Taylor, flute

Self-Control¹

Christine Woolgar

Bailey Underwood

What need have you for self-restraint?

You have no rage, no malice, no spite.

Spotless and sinless, you proceed

From everlasting to everlasting.

What need have you to contain yourself?

You are goodness and loveliness ensourced.

Your bounty can never know excess,

Overflow is a hallmark of your beauty.

How I would sing of your hospitality,

Your deft words and skill of measure.

However sorely stoked or stirred,

You respond with grace and wisdom.

May no one ask you to deny yourself,

Or stem your being from us.

Only teach us well your shapely craft

That we may host you worthily.

***HYMN of COMMITMENT (insert)**

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

JEFFERSON

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!*

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¹ Christine Woolgar, "Self-Control," *Faith in Grey Places*. May 30, 2021. <https://faith.workthegreymatter.com/spirit-self-control-poem/>

**Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon of the Day

Today	Liz Peacock
Next week (12/29)	Leigh Baker

Coming soon to the Ridge

12/24: Christmas Eve service at noon in the sanctuary, reception following in the chapel

Announcements

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.

Prayer Requests

Church Members

Mary Carraway
Phil Dickens
Betty Duke
Bob & Jane Edwards
Martha Flynn
Deb Johnson
Patricia Lynn
Margie Parker
Linda Pleasants
Helen Prevette

Family and Friends

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Joel & Allison Cresimore (son and daughter-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Linda DeSchreiver (niece of Jane Edwards)
Virginia Herran (sister of Jo Cresimore)
John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
Tommy Jenkins (former member)
Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)
Marygena Lynn (sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)
Kent Mitchell (brother-in-law of Phil Kirk and uncle of Ashlee Kirk)
Carolyn Peck (mother of Angela Kirk Prenoveau)

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