

Christmas

AT CORAL RIDGE



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023

Prelude | Allison DeMarco, flute *Carols for Flute*
Cecily DeMarco, piano
Lee Fei Chen, harp *Carols for Harp*
Kate Hajduk, solo *Here with Us*
Joy Williams
The DeMarco Family, handbells *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Advent Reading | The Christ Candle
The Scheimann Family | 5pm
The Scasserra Family | 7pm

Choral Introit | Gabby Molina, solo *Once in Royal David's City*
Romeo DeMarco, director arr. David Willcocks

Call to Worship | Dr. Rob Pacienza, Senior Pastor

***Carol of Adoration** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
No. 208, verses 1, 3 & 4

***Prayer for God's Presence** | *Humbly call upon God to bless our worship*

***Congregational Response** *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*
arr. Mack Wilberg

Old Testament Reading | Isaiah 11:1-9
Rev. Caleb Koornneef | 5pm
Rev. Andrew Siegenthaler | 7pm

Christmas Anthem | Dr. John L. Wilson, Director *In the Bleak Midwinter*
Lisa B. Wilson, organ; Eric Wilson, piano arr. Mark Hayes
Joan Peitscher, solo

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His Mother only, in Her maiden bliss.
Worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart!

New Testament Reading | Colossians 1:15-20
Rev. Caleb Koornneef | 5pm
Rev. Andrew Siegenthaler | 7pm

***Christmas Carol** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*
No. 203

Announcements

Anthem | John L. Wilson, director *Joy to the World*
Lisa B. Wilson, organ arr. Mack Wilberg
Joy to the world! The Lord has come, let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the earth the Savior reigns, let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy

Family Rooms, reserved for parents with small children, are located in the back of the Sanctuary.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His

Christmas Meditation | Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Song

Rachel Castillo & Lievens Castillo, duet
O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices.
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, O, hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born. O night divine!

O Holy Night
Adolphe Adam

A Candlelight Carol

Congregation please join in singing verses 1 & 3 of No. 210 with the choir

Peace, Peace / Silent Night
Rick Powell; arr. Fred Bock

Christmas Blessing & Dismissal

Rev. Caleb Koornneef | 5pm
Rev. Andrew Siegenthaler | 7pm

Postlude | Brass Ensemble

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
arr. James Curnow

*Please stand if you are able

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Custodian (full time + benefits). Will clean & restock restrooms, sweep, mop, vacuum & dust meeting spaces & offices. Email resume to: kailey@crpc.org

Social Media Manager (full time). Will execute social media strategy in a multi-ministry setting; skill set in photography needed. Email resume to: emily@crpc.org

Facilities Technician (full time + benefits). Skills needed in electrical, plumbing, HVAC & general building maintenance. Email resume to: kailey@crpc.org

Childcare Assistant (full/part time). Will work with infants and small children; relevant work experience required. Email resume to: twilliamson@crpc.org

WE EQUIP GOSPEL-CENTERED, CULTURE-SHAPING CHRISTIANS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

INFORMATION

Sunday in-person worship: **ONE service at 11am, next three weeks.** Then (1/14/24), Contemporary at 9:30am & Traditional at 11am in the Sanctuary. Both services are livestreamed at crpc.org/live. Bulletins and previous services are available on the same page. **¿Habra español?** Spanish translation is available Sunday during the 11am service. Devices are available at the Narthex Info Booth.

INFANTS, KIDS & YOUTH: 9:30 & 11am:

Little Ridge = Infants - 2 years old **NO childcare: infants - PK4 on 12/31**
Kid Ridge Jr = PK3 - PK4 (must be potty-trained and turn 3 by new school year)
Kid Ridge = Kindergarten - 5th grade **NO Kid Ridge on 12/24 or 12/31**
Check-in located in the North Breezeway, west of the DeVos Chapel
Youth = Grades 6 - 12: **Will resume 1/21/24**

Adult Sunday School: Will resume 1/21/24; crpc.org/sundayschool

Sunday Fellowship: 10:30 - 10:50am: South Breezeway

Would you like to begin a relationship with Jesus? Text TrustJesus to 97000 or online at crpc.org/jesus

Gangway Tuesdays: Will resume 1/23/24 (grades 6-8) & 1/24/24 (grades 9-12)

Community Groups: Sign up at crpc.org/communitygroups

Young Adults & College Students: Connect at caleb@crpc.org or 303.502.0115

App for iOS & Android in the App Store: search "Coral Ridge"

MEDIA & RESOURCES

E-Newsletter: sign-up and stay connected. Email connect@crpc.org

Livestream: www.crpc.tv | 9:30 & 11am Sunday

Welcome Center: books, music CDs - open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

YouTube Channel: watch past services: www.youtube.com/coralridge

Follow us on social media: Instagram @coralridge | Twitter @coralridgepc

City of God podcast: tune in weekly with Pastor Rob and special guests discussing where Christ meets culture. Download www.cityofgodpodcast.com or watch the video on www.youtube.com/coralridge



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By Text: GIVE to 954-245-0422

By App: search for "Coral Ridge" in the App Store (IOS & Android)

Donations of securities, real estate, or trusts: John Standart | 954-334-5188

As you consider your year-end gifts, please remember Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. All donations, including cash, must be received in the offering boxes, online or postmarked by **December 31** to qualify for a 2023 tax deduction. The **Welcome Center** will be open to receive your gifts from 9am-3pm on Wed-Fri, Dec 27-29 (closed Mon & Tue, Dec 25-26).

THE ADVENT WREATH CELEBRATION

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices

Each Sunday during the Advent season we light a candle in our morning services and read the corresponding Scripture so that we may focus our attention on Jesus and glorify him. We use three purple candles representing Hope, Love and Peace, and a pink candle representing the Joy that is ours because of Christ's coming into the world and into our hearts and lives. The white candle in the center of the wreath is lit on Christmas Eve and represents the birth of Jesus. This tradition, dating back to A.D. 600, reminds us that the center of the Church and the center of our Christmas celebration is Jesus.

Let every heart prepare Him room!

Pastor Rob

Rob Pacienza, Senior Pastor
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

The Bible says, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

YOU CAN PRAY THIS SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, please forgive me. I no longer want to live life without you. Come into my life as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for living the life I could never live and dying in my place on the cross. I want the hope of heaven both now and forever.

Jesus says, "...the one who believes has everlasting life."

This week marks a special milestone in the life of our church. On Sunday, December 23, 1973, the current Coral Ridge campus opened her doors for the very first time. After a decade of worshipping at our first building on Commercial Boulevard, the community anxiously awaited the opening of this new facility. On December 20, church members spent three days installing pews, laying flooring, and hanging Christmas garland. The garland was swagged over the balconies, as seen in the photo below, a tradition that has occurred every year since.

On December 23, Coral Ridge welcomed over 8,000 attendees in the Sanctuary in three services. Founding Pastor D. James Kennedy's Opening Day sermon was entitled "There's Good News Tonight!" Today, we remember the great things God has done and will continue to do, as He uses this church as a beacon of light in the midst of the darkness. Soli Deo gloria!

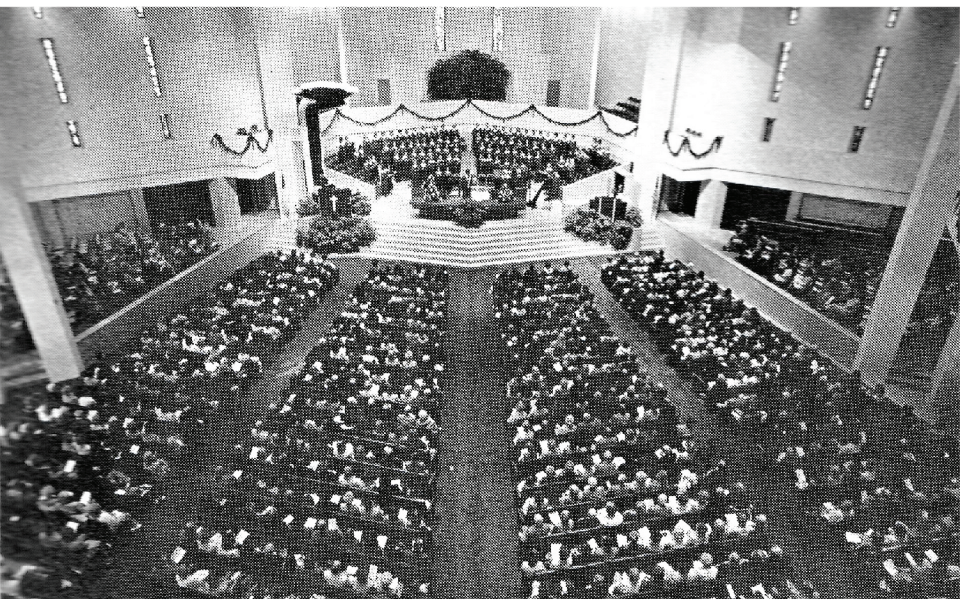
"Today we celebrate the opening Worship Service in our new church facility. For eight and a half years we have dreamed, planned, worked, prayed, sacrificed, and struggled to bring this day to pass. On this day in particular we desire to express our praise to our Great God who has enabled this dream to become a reality. This church has been built to the glory of God and to the end that His Kingdom might be extended over the hearts and minds of men. Heartfelt thanks are extended to the thousands of God's people who worked and prayed that this church might be opened. As you can see, there is still much to be done but that, too, He will bring to pass. May it be the prayer of each of us that the gracious Gospel of His dear Son will resound from this place to the ends of the earth."

D. James Kennedy
Opening Day Bulletin
December 23, 1973



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