

# CORAL RIDGE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE | December 7, 2025**

**Prelude** | Becki Smith, piano  
Mendelssohn/Wesley; arr. Harold DeCou  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High* Medley  
18th Century French Carol  
Diane Bish Center String Ensemble  
Coral Ridge String Ensemble  
Steven Strite, organ  
*The Holly and the Ivy*  
Chip Davis/Buquo  
Carol Medley  
arr. Albin Whitworth

**Advent Reading** | The Candle of Rescue  
The Scheimann Family

**Introit**  
*Rejoice and Sing*  
Anna Laura Page

**Call to Worship** | *We are directed heavenward in preparation for worship*  
Dr. Rob Pacienza, Senior Pastor

**\*Hymn of Adoration**  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
No. 203

**\*Invocation & The Lord's Prayer** | *Humbly call upon God to bless our worship*

**\*Congregational Response**  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
No. 208, refrain

**Corporate Confession of Sin** | Andrew Nichols  
Gracious Father, who faithfully fulfilled Your promise of redemption through the advent of Your one and only Son, we confess with broken hearts that we have continued in our sin and rebellion and have grieved You with our callous hearts. Please forgive us for all our sins, for we are truly sorry and do earnestly repent. Restore and renew our spirits by Your grace that we may draw near to You, obey You, enjoy You, and glorify Your matchless Name, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** | *Reminder of God's forgiveness in Christ*

**Year-end Ministry Spotlight** | Nicole Clark

**\*Profession of Faith** (Apostles' Creed)  
*Jesus is the supreme authority in matters of faith and life*

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Anthem** | Michael Irvin, Director  
String & Wind Ensemble  
Eric Wilson, piano; Steven Strite, organ  
*The Hands that First Held Mary's Child*  
Forrest/Troger

The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood  
From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood.  
This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail  
But cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,  
And gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name;  
The angel's words, he once had dreamed, poured down from heaven's height,  
And like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.

This child shall be "Emmanuel," not God upon the throne;  
But "God with us, Emmanuel" as close as blood and bone.  
The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard  
And from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word.

The tools that Joseph laid aside, a mob would later lift  
And use with anger, fear and pride to crucify God's gift.  
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child Who's born today  
But charged with faith, may we be bold to follow in His way.

**\*Doxology** | *Song of praise in response to God's favor*

**\*Scripture Reading**  
Matthew 1:1-8-25

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

Sermon

*Behold! Christmas According to Matthew, Part 2*

\*Hymn of Response

*What Child Is This?*  
No. 213, verses 1 & 2

\*Benediction | *Word of blessing for the Kingdom work God calls us to do*

\*Response

*Threefold Amen*  
No. 740

Please join in singing with the choir

Postlude

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing/Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Steven Strite, organ

arr. Albin Whitworth

\*Please stand if you are able

## SERMON NOTES

### BIG IDEA: A CHALLENGING CHILD

#### 1. Who is this Child?

#### 2. What did this Child come to do?

## INFORMATION

**Sunday in-person worship:** Contemporary at 9:30am & Traditional at 11am in the Sanctuary. Both services are livestreamed at [crpc.org/live](http://crpc.org/live). Bulletins and previous services are available on the same page. **¿Habla español?** Spanish translation is available Sunday during the 11am service. Audio devices are available at the Narthex Info Booth.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH WELCOME IN WORSHIP on Sundays, 9:30 & 11am**

**Kid Ridge Jr:** childcare option for infants – PK4. Check-in North Breezeway.

Family and nursing room available during worship.

**Kid Ridge:** Sunday School for K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids. Check-in North Breezeway.

**Gangway Groups:** [Resumes January 18](#)

**Adult Sunday School:** [Resumes January 18](#)

**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](http://crpc.org/jesus)

**Community Groups:** Sign up at [crpc.org/communitygroups](http://crpc.org/communitygroups)

**Young Adults & College Students:** connect at [miguel@crpc.org](mailto:miguel@crpc.org) or 786.525.3433

**App** for iOS & Android in the App Store: search “Coral Ridge”

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

**Do you like to sing?** Join our Chancel Choir. Visit [crpc.org/music](http://crpc.org/music). Rehearsal is Wed, 6:30pm – Choir Room. *Come into his presence with singing. –Psalm 100*

## MEDIA & RESOURCES

Welcome Center Bookstore is open Mon-Fri from 9:15am-4:30pm

E-Newsletter: sign-up and stay connected: [connect@crpc.org](mailto:connect@crpc.org)

Livestream: [www.crpc.tv](http://www.crpc.tv) | 9:30 & 11am Sunday

YouTube: watch past services: [www.youtube.com/coralridge](http://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](http://www.cityofgodpodcast.com) or watch the video on [www.youtube.com/coralridge](http://www.youtube.com/coralridge)

Radio: Listen to Pastor Rob daily (Sun-Sat) at 7:30am & 10:30pm on 670AM – The Word. More info at [crpc.org/radio](http://crpc.org/radio)

Interested in more resources from Pastor Rob? We are excited to announce the launch of Coral Ridge Ministries' streaming platform. Access all CRM content – full episodes of Truths That Transform, podcasts, documentaries, and more. Find timely, uncompromising content from a biblically sound perspective at [watch.crm.tv](http://watch.crm.tv)



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5555 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Social Media Coordinator** (full time). Send resume to [katie@crpc.org](mailto:katie@crpc.org)

**Coral Ridge Ministries** (full time) **Vice President of Marketing & Communications**. Experience with managing multi-channel campaigns, external contractors, and a portfolio of media products. Email [emily@crpc.org](mailto:emily@crpc.org)

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2025 – 2026

July 1 – December 3	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Giving	\$1,911,030	\$2,311,041
Other Income	\$782,962	\$873,423
Expenses	<u>\$3,043,240</u>	<u>\$3,231,983</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(\$349,248)	(\$47,519)

Give Online: [www.crpc.org/give](http://www.crpc.org/give) (now accepting cryptocurrency)

By Mail: 5555 N Federal Hwy Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

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: Andrew Nichols, [andrew@crpc.org](mailto:andrew@crpc.org)

# 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!

  
Rob Pacienza, Senior Pastor  
954.771.8840

## 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.

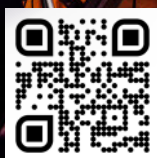
Jesus says, "...the one who believes has everlasting life."

CORAL RIDGE  
CONCERT SERIES  
2025 - 2026

# Handel's MESSIAH

FULL CONCERT CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14  
4:00PM



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## YEAR END GIVING

THROUGH DEC. 31

YOUR GENEROSITY HELPS  
FORM THE NEXT GENERATION  
OF **DISCIPLE-MAKERS** IN  
SOUTH FLORIDA  
AND BEYOND



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*Christmas*  
at CORAL RIDGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICES

Wednesday,  
December 24  
5pm & 7pm

Childcare available at 5pm  
Infant - PK4

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