



 parkway baptist church

December 17, 2023

PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

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****Congregation, please stand***

Welcome and Announcements

Jane Redman

Chiming of the Hour and Entrance of the Light

****Presentation of the Bible***

Prelude

Carol of the Bells

Bella Smith

Bastien, arr.

Lusia Glagoleva

Call to Worship

Carey Huddlestun

With open hands, we proclaim:

**God promises to bring good news to the afflicted,
the disenfranchised, the oppressed, the tormented, the
grieving, and the imprisoned.**

With open spirits, we shout with joy.

God calls us to rejoice, pray, and give thanks constantly.

With open minds, we gather in God's covenant.

**God sanctifies us so that we will be ready for the coming of
the Lord.**

Let us worship God!

Invocation

Rev. Caroline Smith

***Hymn 144**

Oh, Come, Little Children

Congregation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Percival Family

Children's Sermon

Jane Redman

Children are invited to leave for the children's series "Why We Are Baptist"

Scripture

Psalms 126

Rev. Smith

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Smith

*Hymn 132	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		David Dover
Offertory	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i> Hayes, arr.	Lusia Glagoleva
Anthem	<i>This Christmas Gift</i> Mary McDonald, arr.	Sanctuary Choir
Sermon	<i>Glory in Darkness</i> Isaiah 40:1-11	Rev. Smith
*Hymn 164	<i>O Sing a Song of Bethlehem</i> (stanza 1)	Congregation
*Benediction		Rev. Smith
*Response		Congregation
<i>Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.</i>		
Departure of the Light		
Postlude	<i>Advent Nöel</i> Michael Ryan, arr.	David Barker

Our deacon of the week is David Dover. David is married to Megan and they have three children: Owen, Olivia, and Charlotte. David and Megan have been members of Parkway since 2007. David is currently the Music Technology Instructor at North Gwinnett Middle School.

Christmas Eve Service and Schedule

Please join us next Sunday for 11:00 am worship and our annual Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service at 5:00 pm. There will be no Sunday School classes on December 24 or 31.

End of Year Giving

To receive a tax credit for 2023, all contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked by Friday, December 29.

This Week's Calendar

Sun., Dec. 17	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 am
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship	11:00 am
	Finance Committee Meeting	12:15 pm
	Church-wide Cookie Swap in the fellowship hall	12:15 pm
Tues., Dec. 19	Men's group in the conference room	9:00 am
	Ladies' lunch at Athens Kouzzina	11:30 am
Wed., Dec. 20	No Wednesday Night Activities	
Sun., Dec. 24	Worship	11:00 am
	Christmas Eve Service	5:00 pm



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