

RIDGE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FIRST OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

*“Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy
people free; from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee...”*

- Charles Wesley

Happenings!

A few things for your church radar...

RidgeParadise Potluck, Sunday December 5th—Plan to stay after church for a soup and salad potluck in Paradise! Bring a soup, salad or dessert to share. See the sign-up sheet on the back table! Contact Rowena Drake for more!

Adopt-a-family at Christmas—This year we are partnering with Catalyst Domestic Violence Services to brighten Christmas for some families in our community. Wish list signups are looking great so far, but there are still a few items we'd love help shopping for! Checkout the signup sheets on the back table. Keep in mind that **the due date** for bringing your gifts to church is **NEXT** Sunday, Dec. 5th, or if you prefer, bring gifts to our church office by Tuesday, Dec. 7th. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am-2pm. Also, if you can, **please put a note on your gift indicating which family your gift is for**, designated by their assigned number. No wrapping needed please! Thanks much for helping us make Christmas special for these children!

Christmas Eve at Shaffer Ranch: Dec. 24th—After taking a hiatus last year due to Covid we're back on for Christmas Eve at the ranch this year! (3882 Keefer Rd.) Join us at 5:30pm for carol singing, scripture readings, food and fellowship. Bring finger foods to share if possible and warm clothes! See you there!

Community Service Partnership: Project 127—Welcome to Kyle Brock who is sharing a neat ministry with us! Listen up for ways to pray, serve, or maybe even be served by this ministry. Email Kyle for more: project127chico@gmail.com

Deacon Helpers at Vespers—We're really looking to bolster our volunteer groups as we transition into our new facility. There's a particular need for people to help Deacons with setup/greeting/ushering! Let us know if you want more info or are ready to dive in by scanning the code.



See our website for online giving, sermon links and more! Also, ask a pastor about small groups or about joining our community email "ListServ" group!

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Scriptures & Readings

For November 28, 2021

Call to Worship - Isaiah 52:7-9

“How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’
The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.”

All: “Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people...”

30 Days of Prayer for Global Missions

-Rebecca Gillander

November 28 Prayer Request: Germany— For our team as they prepare the initial phases for a new reformed church plant in the south of Munich.

Scripture Reading for Advent: Peace - Micah 5:2-5a

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.” [...]

Advent Reading - (Cont.)

Leader: As we light the peace candle of our Advent wreath,
we pray together:

All: **Come Lord Jesus. Bring Your peace.** (*Candle Lighting*)

Leader: “Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!” -Psalm 31:24

Confession of Faith - The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,** the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*separation from God

**the Church in all times and places

Preaching of God’s Word - Romans 5:1-5

Sermon Title: “Roman Candles: The **PEACE** of Christmas in Romans 5”
Pastor Josh Lee

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you...”



Goodness Of God

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

CCLI Song # 7036612

Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett

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Come To The River

Come to the water all who are thirsty
Come and drink
Come to the table all who are hungry
Come and feast
Those who are weary those who are needy
Come receive
Come to the River come to the River
Taste and see

Oh Oh my soul thirsts for You
And You alone

I will taste and see that You are good
I will taste and see that You are good
I will taste and see that You are good
You're good to me

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Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne