

JANUARY 18, 2026

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

RIDGE PARADISE

“...nothing among you except
Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”

Community Highlights

Missions Visit Today

Welcome to the Sinks!!
Join them for Dinner at Atzlan Grill (6:00pm)

Brunch at the Laws Home

Saturday, Jan. 24th
10:00am at 1630 Greystone Ct.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

See Today’s Bulletin Insert
and LinkTree for more info

Driscoll Visit

Next Week we welcome the Driscolls
Lunch with them at Mountian Mike’s (11:30am)

For the thorough list of announcements with links to **GIVING, EMAIL LIST, WORSHIP PLAYLIST, SMALL GROUPS, SERMONS**, etc. check out our Linktree by scanning the QR code to the right or by visiting our website as detailed below!



Ridge Kids

Littler Kids (Crawlers–3yrs.)

Our nursery is available for the whole service in the Children’s Ministry building across the courtyard. Our teachers provide a flexible environment to meet the needs of movement and comfort while also discipling through Bible stories and songs.

Bigger Kids (4yrs.–2nd Grade)

The Bigger Kids class is dismissed for Sunday School right before the sermon. The classroom is located in the Children’s Ministry building across the courtyard. Our teachers are committed to introducing kids to scripture memory, prayer, and seeing Jesus in ALL of the Bible!

Worship Guides (3rd Grade & Up)

Kids 3rd grade & up are invited to stay in the sanctuary with their parents to learn the rhythms of full Sunday worship. Worship Guides are provided at the sanctuary doors to help engage kids more fully in the sermon. Kids can turn in ten completed Worship Guides to Sarah for a prize.

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Ridge Presbyterian is a church of people gathered around one thing—Jesus Christ, and his gospel of unlimited grace. As a church, we come from lots of different places: lost, found, burned, cynical, broken, hurting, or some combination of all of these. But what unites us and keeps us coming back together week after week is the reality of a Savior who has given unimaginable hope to any who admit their need and sprawl out before Him. This Jesus is really all we have to offer at RPC. We are convinced that not only is He enough, but that HE alone is true wisdom, life, and fullness of joy.

If you are new or newish here, we are so glad that you have joined us! We would love to know more about you, as well as give you the chance to learn a bit more about us. Use the QR code to the right to access our welcome card and let us know you were here.



Call to Worship from Psalm 139

Today we worship the Lord, the Lord who has created us with great care. For he has formed my inward parts. He has knitted me together in my mother’s womb
We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for us, when as yet there were none of them.

This God is worthy of all praise. Let us worship Him in Spirit and Truth!

Songs of Worship and Praise

Please feel free to worship in the way that the Lord is leading. Whether standing or sitting, hands raised or kneeling before the Lord. There is no required posture.

Announcement Spotlight Sanctity of Human Life

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a time to recognize and celebrate the sacredness of every human life. Today we highlight the ministry CareNet of Paradise, whose heart is to come alongside both mother and father and highlight the profound significance of their unborn child as well as their own. As the church, we have the responsibility to be advocates of hope and build bridges that lead to Jesus Christ.

Missions Moment Jeremy and Gina Sink

“¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” - Psalm 46.10-11

Tithes & Offerings

Our ushers will pass collection baskets during the final song. If writing a check, please make payable to “Ridge Presbyterian Church,” since both Ridge Paradise and Vespers Chico are sites of Ridge Presbyterian. Thank you for your generosity.

God calls His people into worship, not the other way around. His Word is the only thing that can truly draw our hearts into worship in Spirit and Truth. And so, we begin here.

The Bible tells us to let the Word of Christ dwell within us richly by “singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.” Thus, we sing of what God has done, and about our delight in Him.

Tithes and Offerings are part of our worship and response to the gospel. When we grasp that “He who was rich, for our sake became poor” it stirs us to reflect that generosity in our giving.

Confession of Faith Belgic Confession 23

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained. Therefore, we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits, but leaning and resting solely on the obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him. He is enough to cover all our sins, make us confident, and free our conscience from fear and the terror of our first parents, Adam and Eve, who trembled as they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves as God approached. Instead, we proclaim that in Christ, we boldly draw near the throne of grace. Amen.

Greetings & Fellowship (w/ Sending & Blessing of Children)

Welcome to all newcomers and visiting guests today. We are glad you are here! We’d love to connect with you through the welcome card linked to the QR code. Also during this time, parents can return clipboards, visit the bathroom with littles, and take them out the side door and through the courtyard to the Children’s Education Building for children’s church! (See back panel for more!)

Preaching of God’s Word Ecclesiastes 8.1-9

“Concerning Kings”

Pastor Bryan Laws

Who is like the wise?

And who knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face shine,
and the hardness of his face is changed.

²I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. ³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, “What are you doing?” ⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. ⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man’s trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? **[Continued in Bibles]**

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Please receive your communion elements from our elders up front. Return to your seat and hold them until all have been served so we can eat and drink together.

Benediction II Corinthians 13.14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Creeds give us a chance to proclaim what we believe while also acknowledging that we are part of something bigger than this local church. We join our voice to Christians around the globe and throughout history who have confessed these same words.

Since we have peace with God through the work of Jesus, we gladly extend peace to one another and welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Because God has spoken to us through His Word we strive to proclaim what it says and teach what it means. Through it, the Church receives training, correction, encouragement, and a deeper experience of the gospel of Jesus.

Followers of Jesus are invited to His table where He spiritually feeds His people.. Though these elements are common bread and wine, they symbolize His body and blood and “preach” to our senses that Christ abides in us and we abide in Him.

God gets the final word in the worship service. And with it He chooses to bless His people. That is what the word benediction means: “blessing.” Go in the peace of His blessing!