

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

SEASON OF EPIPHANY

RIDGE PARADISE

*"...nothing among you except
Jesus Christ and Him crucified."*

Community Highlights

Winter/Spring Small Group Updates

Our small group listing is updated!

See the Linktree or talk to a pastor for more!

Peru Vision Trip Info Mtg.

Plan to stick around after church TODAY, 2.08

Talk to Pastor Josh or see the Linktree for info!

Paradise Elder Training

After nominations, candidates have begun training!

Be in prayer for the Lord's guidance for everyone.

New "Runners" Class Launching

Next month our new class for kids 3yrs. to TK

Will begin! Thanks much to all who volunteer!

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.

Ridge Presbyterian Church

RidgeParadise & VespersChico

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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: Matthew 19.13-15 & Psalm 67.3

“Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’ And he laid his hands on them and went away.”

ALL: **“Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you!”**

-OPENING PRAYER-

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.

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.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Petition: For Us & Our Children

Our Father in Heaven –

As Jesus our Savior welcomed children and prayed blessing over them,

May we also bless the children you have placed in our care;

Whether as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers or friends,

Help us Lord as family in Christ to make much of Jesus, and to model the gospel in how we love, hope and forgive one another.

Make us quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry;

Thank you Lord for the example our children set for us regarding how to receive your kingdom;

Cause simple faith to increase among us; Grow us in trust, adoration and surrender.

Father, we pray together:

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven.

- Silent Prayers of Petition & Thanksgiving-

We pray all this in Jesus’ name. – **Amen.**

Prayer isn’t just a private interaction with God, it is also a part of public worship. God calls His people to speak to Him as one unified body. “My” prayers become “Our” prayers as we cry out to Him together.

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.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism: Sawyer Timothy Lynch (Vespers Only)

Covenant Child of Clayton & Emily Lynch

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, every-one whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” -Acts 2.39

Baptism is the covenant sign marking one out as being a member of the visible community of God’s people. By grace this sign is rightly bestowed on “big” people and “little” people alike, because none of us are here by accident.

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: My only comfort in life and death is that I am not my own, but belong–body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him—Christ–by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Creeds and catechisms 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.

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!)

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.

Preaching of God’s Word: Ecclesiastes 9.13-10.20

“The Wise Leader ”

Pastor Josh Lee

¹³I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. ¹⁴There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. ¹⁵ But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city... [See slides/Bibles]

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.

Benediction: Numbers 6.24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ... and give you peace.”

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!