

**MARCH 1, 2026**

SEASON OF LENT

**RIDGE PARADISE**

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

## Community Highlights |

### **Devotional Resource for Lent**

See linktree to signup for a Lent Devotional Resource from the ministry of "Gospel In Life."

### **New "Runners" Class Launching**

Our class for kids 3yrs. to TK launches today! Many thanks to everyone who volunteers.

### **Winter/Spring Small Group Updates**

Our small group listing is updated! See the Linktree or talk to a pastor for more!

### **Coming Soon/On the Radar**

We hope to announce a winter/spring 101 class, as well as site specific potlucks soon! Stay tuned!

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 |

### **Nursery to Toddlers** (*Newborn–3yrs.*)

Our nursery is available for the whole service in the Children's Ministry building across the courtyard. Little ones are invited to join our teachers for play, Bible stories, songs and snack.

### **Pre-School & Early Elementary** (*Runners: 3yrs-TK & Early Elementary: 3-TK*)

Our "Runners" (3yrs.–TK) and Early "Elementary" aged children (K-2nd Grade) are dismissed from the main sanctuary after the Worship singing. Parents can drop their kids off at their classrooms across the courtyard in the kid's wing. Pick-up is right after the Benediction.

### **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.

### **Older Elementary**

Kids 3rd-6th grade are invited to join us for the "Abide" Sunday School class. We meet on Sundays before the worship service from 8:15-9:15 in the classroom at the end of the hall in the kids ministry building.

## **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: Galatians 2.20 & Psalm 18.30

**LEADER:** "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

**ALL: "This God—his way is perfect; The word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him."**

**LEADER:** Let us worship God.

- 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.*

*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.*

### 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.

### A Prayer of Lament: Based on Selected Psalms (PS. 13, 10, 38 & 18)

"How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day..." -Psalm 13.1-2a

"Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?" -Psalm 10.1

"I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart. O LORD, all my longing is before you; My sighing is not hidden from you." -Psalm 38.8-10

"In my distress I called upon the LORD; To my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears." -Psalm 18.6

*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.

### Confession of Faith: Adapted from Philippians 2

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in our likeness. We believe He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a cross. We believe God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the Name above every other, that at the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We believe we are called to rejoice in Him, and shine His light, as we daily work out our great Salvation. 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 11.7-12.8

"The Good Ol' Days"

Pastor Josh Lee

<sup>7</sup> Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. <sup>8</sup> So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity. <sup>9</sup> Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. <sup>10</sup> Remove vexation ... [Continue in Bibles/on Slides]

### 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: 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."

*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.*

*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.*

*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!*