

MARCH 8, 2026

SEASON OF LENT

RIDGE PARADISE

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



Community Highlights

On The Radar: See *Linktree* for More
Brunch Potluck @ The Laws Home: 3/14
Butte County YoungLife Banquet: 4/18
Kindred Women's Conference: 5/1-5/3

Gospel in Life Resource for Lent
See linktree for a Devotional Resource Link

Holy Week Services

Good Friday: April 3 | 5pm @ PUMC
Easter Sunrise: April 5 | 6:30am @ Shaffer Ranch
& 6:30am @ Magalia Community Church

Also, Regular Worship Services:
RidgeParadise 9:30am & VespersChico 4pm

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: Psalm 59.9&17

LEADER: “O my Strength, I will watch for you, for you, O God, are my fortress.”

ALL: “**O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.**”

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.

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.

A Prayer of Confession: Psalm 19 & 32 (Ps.19 & 32)

“Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression...” (Ps.19.12-13)

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.” (Ps.32.1-2)

-Silent Confession-

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.

Assurance of Grace: 1 Peter 2.6

“For it stands in Scripture: Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

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: Rylan Douglas Lowden (Vespers Only)

Covenant Child of Alex & Tara Lowden

“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.”

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 12.8-14

“The End Of The Matter”

Pastor Josh Lee

⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity. ⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. ¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the ... [Continue on Slides/in 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!