

MARCH 15, 2026

SEASON OF LENT

RIDGE PARADISE

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



Community Highlights |

Lent Devotional

Free resource from Gospel in Life
See LinkTree for signup and access

Good Friday

Worship Service at 5:00pm
Hosted at Ridge Site (6722 Clark Rd.)

Easter Sunrise

6:30am @ Shaffer Ranch (3882 Keefer Rd.)
6:30am @ Magalia Community (13700 Skyway)

Ridge 101 Class

Save the Date–May 16th
Facts, Food, & Fellowship!

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 snacks.

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 kids' 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 from Ecclesiastes 5 & Psalm 51

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God

ALL: Behold, God delights in truth in the inward being

To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools

ALL: The sacrifices of God are a broken heart,

A broken and contrite heart, He will not despise

Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God

ALL: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise

For God is in heaven, and you are on earth

ALL: So have mercy upon me, O God, according to your steadfast love

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.

Prayer of Confession Based on Luke 9.61-62

“Yet another said, ‘I will follow you Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God.’”

Heavenly Father, thank you for the grace of Jesus that invites us to follow him. Who are we to receive such an invitation? And yet we waver. We look back at old paths. Forgive us our weak commitment. Forgive us our following at a distance. Forgive us for believing that following Jesus could be casual. Show us what following Jesus actually means. - **Silent Prayers of Confession**

We can be honest with God about our failures and sins because we know we have been fully forgiven in Christ. His grace frees us to name our brokenness and see his forgiving and healing hand in our lives.

Assurance of Grace Luke 23.39-43

“...And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’”

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 Romans 8

We believe that all people have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, deserving of nothing but God’s punishment and displeasure. And yet, for those who have trusted in Jesus and put their faith in him, there is now no condemnation. We believe that God has done what the law and the flesh could never do, by sending His Son Jesus to condemn sin in the flesh and fulfill the righteous requirement of the law in us, freeing us to walk according to the Spirit instead of the flesh. We believe that all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God, and have been released from a spirit of slavery to be given a spirit of adoption and life. And we believe that this same Holy Spirit constantly testifies that we are part of God’s family, beloved children, and heirs with Christ. Praise be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. 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 Matthew 6.7-15

“Forgiving Debtors”

Pastor Bryan Laws

⁷ And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread... **[Continued in Bible]**

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; the LORD lift up his countenance upon 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!