

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

RIDGE PARADISE

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



Community Highlights |

Holy Week & Easter Plans: See Linktree for full details...

-Palm Sunday-Deacon Ordination [TODAY!]

-Good Friday-5pm @ ParadiseLutheran

-Easter Sunrise-6:30am, Shaffer Ranch

-Family Sunday-9:30am @ Ridge & 4pm @ Vespers

April Events See Linktree for detail/registration

-Kindred Women's Retreat [4/12]

-Rooted Younglife Banquet [4/6]

Hagari Rwanda See Linktree for more

New Sponsorships needed for pre-schoolers

See Missions Table/Linktree for more info

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 |

Pre-school & Elementary

Kids are encouraged to stay in the service for Worship Singing. After the singing concludes, we'll pray for our kids and dismiss them to head upstairs for children's church. They can be picked up right after the Benediction.

Note Challenge

For older kids (9yrs.+), we have sermon notebooks at the back of the sanctuary. If you turn in a note page with a little something you heard from the sermon, you'll get to take your pick from the prize basket.

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: Luke 19.37-40 & Psalm 24.9

Leader: "As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.'" He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'"

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.

All: "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in."

- Opening Prayer -

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.

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.

Ordination of New Deacons

Mark Abbey, Keith Fickert, Joel Heckmann, Jake Lemos & Clayton Lynch

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for all." -Mark 10.45

"...those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus." - 1Timothy 3.13

The taking of ordination vows is a sacred moment in the life of a church. Such vows are undertaken only when a church's need, an individual's gifts, the judgment of the elders, and the affirmation of the congregation all come together. These new deacons have studied, prayed and been tested. We rejoice today in this sweet culmination.

Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,** the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Endured the full wrath of God the Father
**The Church in all times and places*

Creeeds 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/ Dismissal & 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 upstairs 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: 2 Kings 2.11

"The Life and Times of the Prophet Elijah"

Pastor Josh Lee

¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

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.

Notes:

*"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever."
-Isaiah 40:8*

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."

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!