

APRIL 6, 2025

FIFTH OF LENT



RIDGE PARADISE

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

Community Highlights

Ridge Brunch Potluck: Today, Sun., 4.06

Stay after church today for food/fellowship!
We will celebrate Alvin's 90th B-Day too!

Coming Opportunities: See Linktree

Walk For Water - Sat., April 12th
Woodleaf Work Week - May 19th-23rd

Holy Week Services

Good Friday—5pm @ PUMC
Easter Sunrise—6:30am @ Shaffer Ranch
& @ Magalia Community Church
Regular Ridge & Vespers Family Services

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

Our infant to three year olds class is available for the whole service, and set up to be flexible to meet the children's needs for movement and comfort. Our lead teacher Tabitha reads a Bible story and sings songs with the toddler age kiddos and we have a volunteer to assist as needed. Paggers are provided.

Bigger Kids

Bigger Kids (ages four to eight) have a classroom in the children's wing, but won't be dismissed to Sunday School until right before the sermon. Our weekly teacher Sarah and a rotating team of volunteers are committed to introducing our kids to Scripture memory, prayer, and seeing Jesus in ALL of the Bible!

Note Challenge

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

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 119.63-68

“I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.
The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!
You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.
Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.
Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.
You are good and do good; t.each me your statutes.”
- 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 de-light in Him.

A Prayer of Praise & Adoration: *For Lent, Week 5*

O Lord our God, Creator of all things visible and invisible,
Our constant Help in trials past, and our Hope in every age to come;
You alone are the Author of Life and the Redeemer.
We praise you for your grace that calls us, transforms us, and sustains us in every season.
Though we are unworthy, you call us Your own; You lift us up, and turn us around; You break our cycles of sin and shame, and breathe new life into our weary souls.
To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all honor and worship is due.
Your mercy is boundless, your love everlasting, and your faithfulness endures across all generations.
Open our hearts to praise you evermore truly for the gift of Jesus, who humbled Himself, enduring temptation, grief and the cross, that we might be at peace with a holy God.

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.

In the passion and resurrection of Jesus, we come to see your power and love, O God, and enter the hope of eternal life.
O Lord our God, we worship you, our Creator and Redeemer, for you alone save us, and you alone are worthy of praise. Amen.

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 gos-pel. When we grasp that “He who was rich, for our sake became poor” it stirs us to reflect that gen-erosity in our giving.

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 con-demn 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 sin, and given the 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!

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 con-fessed 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 to the other wing 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 Timothy 2.14-19

“Sticks & Stones”
Pastor Josh Lee

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵ Do your best to present your-self to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly han-dling the word of truth. ¹⁶ But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resur-rection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. ¹⁹ But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.”

Because God has spoken to us through His Word we strive to pro-claim what it says and teach what it means. Through it, the Church re-ceives training, correction, encour-agement, and a deeper experience of the gospel of Jesus.

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.

Followers of Jesus are invited to His table where He spiritually feeds His people.. Though these elements are common bread and wine, they sym-bolize His body and blood and “preach” to our senses that Christ abides in us and we abide in Him.

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 wor-ship 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!