

MAY 4, 2025
THIRD OF EASTER



RIDGE PARADISE

*"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. - 1Cor. 15.20*

Community Highlights

Butte County YoungLife Banquet:

- Spring Fundraiser: Sat., May 31st @ 5pm
- Location: 4365 Ocean Dr., Chico
- Contact a table host or register directly online (see linktree)

Coming Opportunities: See *Linktree*

- Woodleaf Work Week: May 19th-23rd
- Child Evangelism Fellowship

All Church Fall Retreat!

- Save the dates now: Oct. 24-26
- Woodleaf Campgrounds
- Registration details coming soon!

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. Pagers are provided.

Bigger Kids

Bigger Kids (ages four to eight) stay 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 61.1-4, & 8

“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.

**Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,
for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.**

Let me dwell in your tent forever!
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

**So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.”**

-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 spiritu-
al songs.” Thus, we sing of what
God has done, and about our de-
light in Him.*

A Prayer of Thanksgiving: Based on 1 Peter 2.24-25

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” -1 Peter 2:24-25

*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.*

Our Father in Heaven – How precious is the finished work of Jesus to our souls. Like streams of living water to parched earth is the life of our Savior within us. **For through his faithfulness we are forgiven; In his death we find new life; By his wounds we have been healed.** Thank you Lord that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father we too may walk in newness of life and hope. **Thank you that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and the Overseer of our souls.** Regarding his mission of redemption we take our rest in the victory-cry of Jesus from the cross: “...It is finished.” **Hallelujah! Thank you Lord for the good news that death is a defeated foe, that sin will not have the final word, and that one day Jesus will make all things new.** Thank you Jesus, our King and Redeemer. 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 Colossians 1

We believe that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God and the Firstborn of all creation. We believe that by Him all things exist, and that in Him they hold together. Christ alone is Head of the Church, the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, preemi-
nent in all things. We believe that the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Him, and through Him, to reconcile to Himself all things, making peace by the blood of His cross. Though we were once alienated from God, hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, we be-
lieve that the death and atonement of Christ enables Him to present us Holy, blameless and above reproach before a Holy God. By grace and through faith we remain stead-
fast, never shifting from this gospel hope, which is being proclaimed in all creation.

*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 3.10-17

“Life Together”

Pastor Josh Lee

¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Je-
sus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profit-
able for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteous-
ness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

*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!*