

MAY 11, 2025
FOURTH 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 |

CareNet Baby Bottle Campaign

- Today through Father's Day (4/15)
- See linktree for online giving, etc.



Coming Opportunities: See Linktree

- Woodleaf Work Week: May 19th-23rd
- YoungLife Spring Banquet: May 31st
- Child Evangelism Fellowship
- Giving to Hagari Rwanda School!

All Church Fall Retreat!

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:

May the LORD bless & keep you!

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 |

Little 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 18 [Selected Verses]

"I love you, O LORD, my strength.

This God—his way is perfect; The word of the LORD proves true.

He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.

The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation—

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.

Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever."

- 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 Petition & Thanks: CareNet, Hagari Rwanda & More

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 4:6-7

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.

"On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: 'Fear not, O Zion; Let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by his love; He will exult over you with loud singing.'" -Zephaniah 3:16-17

- Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer -

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.

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 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 3.16-17

"The Good Book"

Pastor Josh Lee

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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

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; 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!