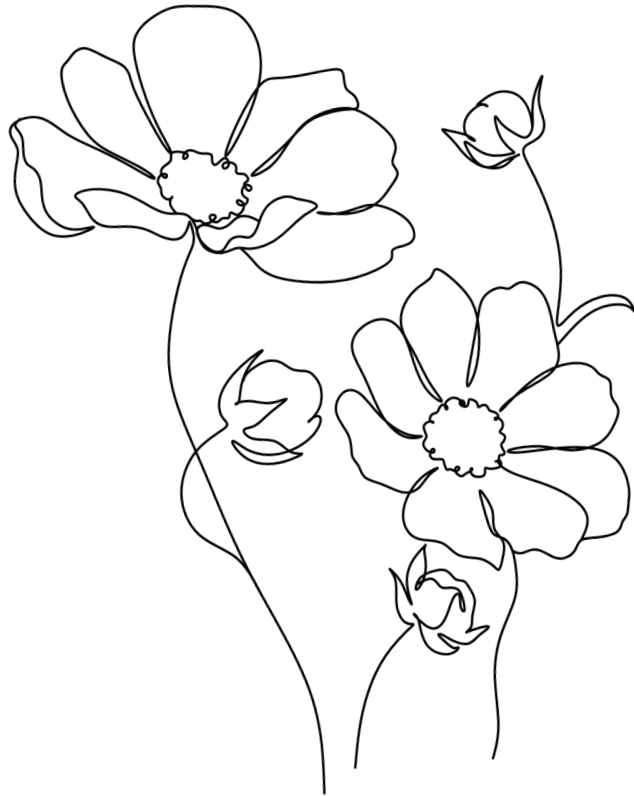


MAY 18, 2025
FIFTH OF EASTER



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

Find Baby Bottles on Back Tables
Collection Date Sunday June 15

PUMC Campus Work Day

Saturday, May 31st @ 8:00am
Contact Pastor Bryan for more

YoungLife Annual Banquet

Saturday, May 31st @ 5:00pm
Registration and Location on LinkTree

Woodleaf Work Week

Week of May 19th – 23rd
Volunteering to get camp ready for summer!

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. Pagars 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 from Romans 1.16-17

Let us be drawn into the worship of God by His gospel of grace
“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek”
Let our songs celebrate the righteousness He has freely given to any who believe
“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith”
Let our praise be anchored in faith; faith in who He is and in what He has done
“As it is written , ‘the righteous shall live by faith”

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 Lament

“Why O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?... Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.” - *Psalms 10.1, 12*

Our hearts are burdened and distressed Father. This broken world has more sorrows than we can possibly bear. Where are you in it? Why do you allow it?

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.

**“Why O LORD, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?”**

We grieve the loss all around us: the loss of loved ones and old friends. The loss of dear parents and beloved children. Losses that will leave their scars until our homegoing.

**“Why O Lord, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?”**

We lament the struggles all around us: wounded marriages, wayward children, destructive addictions, divided churches, crippling diseases and afflictions.

**“Why O Lord, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?”**

[Continued...]

A Prayer of Lament

...We mourn the destruction all around us: the wars, the disasters, the hatred and enmity. We mourn the wildfires and hurricanes, the famines and the plagues. The groaning of creation longing for your peace.

**“Why O Lord, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?” [Silent Prayers]**

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.

Preaching of God’s Word 2 Timothy 4.1-5

“People of the Book”
Pastor Bryan Laws

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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.

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 symbolize His body and blood and “preach” to our senses that Christ abides in us and we abide in Him.

Benediction 2 Corinthians 13.14

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

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!