

AUGUST 24, 2025



Community Highlights |

Congregational Meeting

In Paradise, Sunday, Sept. 28th  
Nominations for Paradise Ruling Elders

All Church Retreat

Oct. 24-26 @ Woodleaf  
Full registration via QR code



On The Radar: Things Coming Soon!

- Men of the Ridge B-fast & Fellowship: 9.6
- Fall Small Groups Listing in the works!
- CareNet Abortion Recovery Groups: See Linktree
- Pre-Church Youth Class (3rd-5th/6th Grade)
- Kids Ministry Promotion Sunday: 8.31

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 (Crawlers-3rs)

Our nursery is available for the whole service in the Children’s Ministry building across the courtyard. Our teachers provide a flexible environment to meet the needs of movement and comfort while also discipling through Bible stories and songs.

Bigger Kids (4yrs.–2nd Grade)

The Bigger Kids class is dismissed for Sunday School right before the sermon. The classroom is located in the Children’s Ministry building across the courtyard. Our teachers are committed to introducing kids to scripture memory, prayer, and seeing Jesus in ALL of the Bible!

Worship Guides (3rd Grade & Up)

Kids 3rd grade & up are invited to stay in the sanctuary with their parents to learn the rhythms of full Sunday worship. Worship Guides are provided at the sanctuary doors to help engage kids more fully in the sermon. Kids can turn in ten completed Worship Guides to Sarah for a prize.

Ridge Presbyterian Church

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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 63.1-4

“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;  
**My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.  
**Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**  
So I will bless you as long as I live; In your name I will lift up my hands.”  
- 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.

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.

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.

**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.

**Prayer of Adoration:** Based on Psalm 103.1-4

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name;**  
Father in heaven, we praise You Lord, for You are set apart in glory, perfect in purity, and radiant like no created thing.  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits—**  
We worship You alone as the God who forgives, who is full of mercy, and who removes our sin from us as far as the east is from the west, recalling it no more.  
**You forgive all our iniquity and heal all our diseases.**  
We hope in you, Jesus, as the great healer, who will one day bring wholeness to our bodies, our minds, and our spirits.  
**You redeem our lives from the pit.**  
We bless you Lord as our Redeemer, who calls us out of death and darkness and into Your own marvelous light.

**You crown us with steadfast love and mercy.**  
We praise you as a God who is faithful in love, rather than fickle, and rich in compassion. Your mercy knows no bounds and is not hemmed in by our failings.  
**We exalt you, our Lord, for you are a holy, forgiving, healing, redeeming, and merciful God. In Jesus you satisfy us with good so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

**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:** Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. 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 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:** Matthew 14.22-33

“O You Of Little Faith”  
Elder Doug Wion

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” [Continue on slides/in Bibles...]

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 ... be gracious to 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!