

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

RIDGE PARADISE

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

Community Highlights

Fall Highlights: See Linktree for More

- Congregational Meeting in Paradise: 9.28
- Kalanquin Workday: Sat., 9.27
- Fall Small Group Listing

Dates for 8: See Linktree to Sign-up!

- In Chico: Wed., 9.24
- In Paradise: Fri., 9.28

All Church Retreat
Oct. 24-26 @ Woodleaf
Full registration via QR code
Reg. Deadline: Last Mon. 9.8!



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

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 eight completed Worship Guides to Sarah for a prize.

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 27.1&4

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?”
*ALL: “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.”*
- 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition *(Ridge Only)*

For The Children And Future Of The Church
“Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” And he laid his hands on them and went away.” -Matthew 19.13-15

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.

Baptism & Joining of New Members *(Vespers Only)*

-James Nicholas Amatuccio (Covenant Child of John & Sarah)
Non-Communing
-Gracie Lee Ross & Lindy Eve Ross (Profession of Faith) **Communing**
Daughters of Stephen & Cristy

Baptism is the covenant sign marking one out as being a member of the visible community of God’s people. By grace adults, children and little ones become members of Jesus’s church and take vows as responders to God’s kind initiative in our lives.

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” -Acts 2.39

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: *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, preeminent 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 believe 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 steadfast, never shifting from this gospel hope, which is being proclaimed in all creation. 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: Ecclesiastes 1.2-11

“What’s The Point?”
Pastor Josh Lee

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ³What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? ⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. ⁵The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. ⁶The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. ⁷All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. ⁸All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It has been already in the ages before us. ¹¹There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.

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; ... 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!