

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

RIDGE PARADISE

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

## Community Highlights

### Congregational Meeting

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

### Date for Eight

Friday, September 26  
Last few days to sign up online!

### All Church Retreat

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



### Helping Hands Workday

Kalanquin House: Saturday, September 27  
Starting at 8:00am sharp!

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 (*Crawlers–3yrs.*)

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

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 4.6-7

There are many who say, “who will show us some good?”

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!**

**You have put more joy in my heart**

**Than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Let us worship God!

### 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 Lament from Psalm 55

“Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice...Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you.” -*Psalm 55.17*

Lord, we lament the senseless violence and the hatred that drives it. How long, O Lord? **We cast our burdens on you, bring your healing and peace.**

Lord we grieve with those left in mourning. For the children and parents, brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors. How long, O Lord? **We cast our burdens on you, bring your comfort and hope.**

Lord we bemoan the schism and suspicion, the cruelty and callousness, How Long, O Lord? **We cast our burdens on you, bring your justice and truth.**

“Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!” -*Psalm 55.1*

### 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.

*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 delight in Him.*

*We can be honest with God about our failures and sins because we know we have been fully forgiven in Christ. His grace frees us to name our brokenness and see his forgiving and healing hand in our lives.*

*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 Belgic Confession 23

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained. Therefore, we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits, but leaning and resting solely on the obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him. He is enough to cover all our sins, make us confident, and free our conscience from fear and the terror of our first parents, Adam and Eve, who trembled as they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves as God approached. Instead, we proclaim that in Christ, we boldly draw near the throne of grace. Amen.

### 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 out the side door and through the courtyard to the Children’s Education Building for children’s church! (See back panel for more!)

### Preaching of God’s Word Ecclesiastes 1.12-18

“The Limits Of Wisdom”

Pastor Bryan Laws

<sup>12</sup> I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. <sup>15</sup> What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted. <sup>16</sup> I said in my heart, “I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.” <sup>17</sup> And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind. <sup>18</sup> For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

### 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.

### Benediction II 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.

*Creeds 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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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!*