

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



RIDGE PARADISE

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



Community Highlights

Reading Pals: See Linktree

- Volunteer in Paradise
- Volunteer in Chico

Casa Josefina:

- Find the Social Media platform here:
- Visit the website: www.casajosefina.org



Fall Highlights: See Linktree for More

- Lady's Worship Night: 10.1
- O.C.C Kick Off: 10.12
- Ridge/Vespers 101 Class: 10.18

Congregational Meeting

TODAY, post-church, 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: From Psalm 16

I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

You make known to me the path of life;

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- 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.

Missions Moment: *Henson Family & Casa Josefina (Cusco, Peru)*
Becca Gillander

Our missionary partners in Peru, the Henson Family, continue to do their great work, loving many in Jesus’ name. Listen for the update about what Kristen and Nathan are doing and how you can pray, and new opportunities to support their work through financial giving. See the QR code on the back panel for their social media platform. Also, visit the website for Casa Josefina here:
www.casajosefina.org

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.

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 Philippians 2*

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in our likeness. We believe He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a cross. We believe God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the Name above every other, that at the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We believe we are called to rejoice in Him, and shine His light, as we daily work out our great Salvation. 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 2.1-11

“Let The Good Times Roll”

Pastor Josh Lee

¹I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity. ²I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?” ³I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ⁴I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. ⁵I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. ⁶I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. ⁷I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. ⁸I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man. ⁹So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. ¹¹Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

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!