

OCTOBER 5, 2025



RIDGE PARADISE

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



Community Highlights

Ridge/Vespers 101 Class: Sat., 10.18

Learn about the church, ask questions & eat lunch! See the Linktree or the QR Code for full details & to sign-up!



Fall Highlights: See Linktree for More

- O.C.C Kick Off: 10.12
- All Church Retreat: 10.24-26
- Reading Pals: In Paradise & Chico
- Fall Small Groups

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 139.7-12

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,’ even the darkness is not dark to you; The night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.”

– Opening Prayer –

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 Confession:

Our Father in heaven - in Christ we are your creations, people made new in Jesus, ***but often we live according to the flesh;*** We seek fulfillment in earthly things: wisdom, power, wealth, reputation; ***We pursue good things as if they were ultimate things: pleasure, home, friendship, sex;*** We become disillusioned and frustrated when these pursuits refuse to deliver. ***Forgive us Father our foolish strivings;*** We confess our transgressions, our wanderings and weariness; Lord, hear our prayers.

– Silent Confession –

Assurance of Grace: 2 Corinthians 5.16-19

“From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”

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.

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.

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.

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!)

Preaching of God’s Word: Ecclesiastes 2.12-26

“Gift vs. Game”

Pastor Josh Lee

¹² So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly. For what can the man do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. ¹³ Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. ¹⁴ The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. ¹⁵ Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?” And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. ¹⁶ For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool! ¹⁷ So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to... [Continue on Slides./in Bibles]

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: 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.”

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.

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.

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!