# **OCTOBER 19,** 2025



# RIDGEPARADISE

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

## Community Highlights

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Grab a box and label on the back table! Collection Sunday: Nov. 16

## **Reading Pals Paradise**

A push for new volunteers Contact info via QR code



#### Men of the Ridge Breakfast

Saturday, November 1st @ 7:00am Hosted here at Ridge PC!

## **Helping Hands Workday**

Saturday, November 8 @ 8:00am Cleaning up the Sanctuary and Campus

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 Office: 562 Manzanita Ave. Ste. 3 Chico, 95926

Find us Online: www.ridgepresbyterian.org <u>Call/Email</u>: 530.872.8270 | office.ridgepres@gmail.com **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 Isaiah 43.18-21

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

The Lord has been good to us; We will sing His praise!

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 Confession** from "God Be Merciful"

God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;

Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.

I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.

I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust. [Silent Prayers]

### **Assurance of Grace** Psalm 32.5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. 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 & 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 Reformation Creed**

We believe in one God in three persons–Father, Son, and Holy Spirit–eternal, wise and glorious. We believe this God speaks in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and that His Word alone is our authority for all matters of faith and the practice of true religion. We believe that God's Word reveals the gospel—the revelation of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God and Savior of sinners. This Jesus is the righteousness of God and the unblemished lamb who was slain as a substitute for the sins of the world. His salvation is a gift of grace, received through faith alone. We believe in no other gospel than this, and that any hope of peace with God based on works, rituals or good deeds is really no gospel at all. We pray as Christ's church, "Come, Lord Jesus," and proclaim that all glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

## **Preaching of God's Word** Ecclesiastes 3.16-22

"Clarity and Judgement" Pastor Bryan Laws

<sup>16</sup> Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. <sup>17</sup> I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work. <sup>18</sup> I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. <sup>19</sup> For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup> All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. <sup>21</sup> Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? <sup>22</sup> So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

#### **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.

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 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.

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!