# **NOVEMBER 16, 2025**



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

# Community Highlights

# **Operation Christmas Child**

Collection Day is Today! A huge thanks to Laurie and Tim Truitt!

# **30 Days of Prayer**

Find this year's prayer calendar on the Linktree if needed

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**

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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** Exodus 15.1-2

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation

This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him

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.

# **30 Days of Prayer** Islamic Nations

Pray for more Discovery Bible Studies to be established in many Muslim majority areas and nations.

"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak." - Col. 4.3-4

# **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.

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 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 Hebrews 1 & 7

We believe in a God who speaks. We believe that God spoke through the prophets of old, but in these last days, through Jesus His Son, who was appointed by God as the Heir of all things. Through Him also God created the world. As God's only Son, we believe Jesus Christ is the radiance of the glory of God, and the exact imprint of His holy nature. We believe that Jesus alone upholds the universe by His mighty word, and that after He made purification for sins, Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. In so doing, our Jesus became the guarantor of a better covenant, and of all God's promises to a fallen world. We believe that Jesus holds his priesthood forever and is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him. Amen.

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 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 out the side door and through the courtyard to the Children's Education Building 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 6.10-7.14

Pastor Bryan Laws

Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to dispute with one stronger than he. <sup>11</sup> The more words, the more vanity, and what is the advantage to man? <sup>12</sup> For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun? **7**A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth. <sup>2</sup> It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.

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.

### [Continued in Bibles and Slides]

# **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.

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.

Followers of Jesus are invited to His

### Benediction from Numbers 6.24-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may he make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. Both now, and forevermore.

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!