

NOVEMBER 19, 2023
FAMILY SUNDAY

RIDGE PARADISE

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

Community Highlights |

Family Sunday: *Today, Nov. 19th*

Regular Children's Ministry suspended.
See Linktree for more on why we like this!

On the Radar: *See the LinkTree/Website!*

- 30 Days of Prayer: November
- Run For Food: Nov. 23

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. Find our Linktree via our website too: www.ridgepresbyterian.org



Ridge Kids |

Pre-school & Elementary

Ordinarily our younger kids are dismissed after the worship singing. Today, as a Family Sunday, our regular children's ministry class is suspended so that we can disciple our children in the full course of corporate worship. Normal kid's church will resume next week!

Note Challenge

For older kids (9yrs.+), we have sermon notebooks at the back of the sanctuary. If you turn in note pages with a little something you heard from 10 different sermons, you'll earn a DutchBros gift card!

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: Psalm 92.1-4 & 118.1

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.”

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.

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”

-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.

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.

30 Days of Prayer: Prayer for the Persecuted Church

“Pray for believers around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Ask God to give them perseverance, protection, and boldness.” (Nov. 5th)

“How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ... But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.” -Psalm 13.1&5

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: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,** the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Separation from God

**The Church in all times and places

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 statements of belief.

Kid’s Moment

Instead of being dismissed for Sunday School like usual this week, our kids will be invited up front for a special lesson time and to share with the congregation a little of what they’ve been learning!

Our children are a gift from God! And even though their discipleship happens first and foremost at home, we are also committed to the nurturing of their faith during Sunday Worship.

Preaching of God’s Word: I Kings 17.1.....James 5.17

“Intermission”

Pastor Josh Lee

Now Elijah the Tishbite in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither did no nor rain these years, except by my word.

Because God has spoken to us through His Word we strive to proclaim what it says and teach what it means. It is through this Ministry of the Word that the Church receives training, correction, encouragement, and a deeper experience of the gospel of Jesus.

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it not rain on the earth.

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.

**Note that partaking in the elements of communion is reserved for baptized believers who have made a public profession of their faith. Parents may note this as a sweet opportunity*

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.

Benediction: Numbers 6.23-24

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon 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!