

Promotion Sunday

Today, August 23rd students move up to new kids class if applicable

Honoring 17 Years of Ministry!

As of tomorrow, Pastor Josh has served & faithfully blessed this church for 17 Years! Praise the LORD!

Fall Small Groups

Check the LinkTree for Groups!
Edits and additions can still be made

Men’s Fellowship Events

- Worship Night: Thur., 9/17 @ D.Wion’s Home
- Fellowship Bfast: 7am, Sat., 9/26 @ CMA Paradise

AUGUST 23, 2026

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!



Nursery to Toddlers *(Sitting Up–3yrs.)*

Our nursery is available for the whole service in the Children’s Ministry building across the courtyard. Little ones are invited to join our teachers for play, Bible stories, songs and snacks.

Pre-School & Early Elementary *(Runners: 3yrs–Tk & Early Elementary: K-2nd)*

Our “Runners” (3yrs–TK) and Early “Elementary” aged children (K-2nd Grade) are dismissed from the main sanctuary after the Worship singing. Parents can drop their kids off at their classrooms across the courtyard in the kids’ wing. Pick-up is right after the Benediction.

Worship Guides

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 Madeline for a prize.

Older Elementary *(During the School Year: Start Date: 9.13)*

Kids 3rd-5th grade are invited to join us for the “Abide” Sunday School class. We meet before the worship service from 8:15-9:15 in the room at the end of the hall in the kids’ ministry building.

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“...nothing among you except
Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”

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, hurt, 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 71.17-19 & 23

“O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.

**All: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.
You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?**

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.” -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.

Receiving of New Members

- Jonathan & Abigail Filteau (w/ Esther & Ruth)
- Marc & Jenni Silver (w/ Natalie, Sabrielle & Ava)
- Pierce (James) Hutler (@ Vespers)

“I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” -Matt.16.18

- Prayer of Thanksgiving -

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.

Together, the church is the body of Christ and the family of faith. Jesus is ever building his church and we are so thankful when He stirs in hearts and minds to grow our fellowship. Let us praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

Tithes and Offerings are part of our worship and response to the gospel. When we grasp that “He was rich in Christ”, we give the praise to God with the name of Christ Jesus.

Confession of Faith: Adapted from Colossians 1

We believe that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God and the Firstborn of all creation. We believe that by Him all things exist, and that in Him they hold together. Christ alone is Head of the Church, the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, preeminent in all things. We believe that the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Him, and through Him, to reconcile to Himself all things, making peace by the blood of His cross. Though we were once alienated from God, hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, we believe that the death and atonement of Christ enables Him to present us Holy, blameless and above reproach before a Holy God. By grace and through faith we remain steadfast, never shifting from this gospel hope, which is being proclaimed in all creation. Amen.

Creeds and catechisms let us proclaim what we believe while also acknowledging that we are part of something bigger than this local church. We join our voices to Christians around the globe and throughout history who have confessed these same words.

Greetings & Fellowship (with Blessing & Sending of Kids)

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 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: 1 John 3.4-10

“Tough Words of Tenderness”
Pastor Josh Lee

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

God has spoken to us through His Word, so we strive to proclaim what it says and teach what it means. Through it, God trains, corrects, encourages, and draws His Church into fellowship with Him.

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!