

Fall Retreat Registration: Due 9.21

See LinkTree for Camp Registration and the QR code for payment deets



Fall Small Groups

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

Men’s Fellowship Events

- Worship Night: 7.30pmThur., 9/17 @ D.Wion’s Home
- Fellowship Bfast: 7am, Sat., 9/26 @ CMA Paradise

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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RIDGEPARADISE

“...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 33.1-9 [Selected]

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Give thanks to the LORD with the Lyre; Sing to him a new song;  
Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**All: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

He loves righteousness and justice;  
**All: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD;**  
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

**All: For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.**  
-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.” So we sing of what God has done, and about our delight in Him.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Based on Psalm 139

**All: O LORD, you have searched us and known us! You know when we sit down and when we rise up; You discern our thoughts from afar.** We thank you Father that you know us completely and continue your love for us in Christ.

**All: You search out our paths and our lying down and are acquainted with all our ways. Even before a word is on our tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

Thank you Lord for your constant presence and holy care over our lives.  
**All: Where shall we go from your Spirit? Or where shall we flee from your presence? If we ascend to heaven, you are there! If we make our bed in Sheol, you are there.** Thank you Lord that as our Good Shepherd, your hand leads us and holds us fast.

**All: For you formed our inward parts; You knitted us together in our mother's womb.** We praise you, Creator and Sustainer, for we are indeed, fearfully and wonderfully made. ... [Continue on Next]

*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.*

**Prayer (Continued...)**

**All: Wonderful are your works, O LORD; Our souls know it very well.**

How precious to us are your thoughts, O God! How vast the sum of them! If we could count them up, they would be more than the sand on the seashore;

**All: Even the darkness is not dark to you; We awake, and are still with you. Try us and know our hearts, and lead us in the way everlasting.**

**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 was rich in Christ,” we give the praise to God with the name of Christ Jesus.*

**Confession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #1

Q: Christian, what is your only hope in life and in death?

**A: 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.**

*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 3.19-24

“Don’t Listen To Your Heart”  
Pastor Josh Lee

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases ... [Continue on Slides/in Bibles]

*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!*