

JANUARY 8, 2023

Community Highlights

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Sunday, January 22nd
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Reading Pals Chico

See QR Code for sign-up
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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.



Vespers Kids |

Nursery & Toddlers

Parents of Babies can utilize the cry rooms on either side of the sanctuary. Toddlers (1–3yrs.) are invited to play in the Crawlers class located in the children’s wing. Both of these childcare options are available for the entire service.

Pre-school & Elementary

Our Runners Class (3-5yrs.) and our Elementary Class (5-8yrs.) are dismissed after the Worship Singing. Parents can drop their kids off at their classrooms across the courtyard in the kid’s wing. Pick-up is right after the Benediction

Note Challenge

For older kids (9yrs.+), we have clipboards on the back table for drawing/sketching/coloring. If you can turn in 10 note pages with a little something you heard in church each week, you earn a prize!

Ridge Presbyterian Church

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VESPERS CHICO

*“...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, 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 Selected from Revelation 19.1-7

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just;

**Praise our God, all you his servants
you who fear him, small and great.**

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory!

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.

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.

Dismissal & Blessing of Children

Our children are a blessing from the LORD! Return clipboards, visit the bathroom, and check kids in to the appropriate room for children’s church! (See back panel!)

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.

Greetings & Fellowship

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.

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.

Prayer of Confession Adapted from Psalm 139

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 far away. Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely. We cannot flee from your Spirit, nor your presence. You search out our paths and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Through your Son, Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Grace Psalm 51.15-17

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Confession of Faith Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord... **(Continued on Slides)**

Preaching of God’s Word Romans 11.25-32

“The Mystery Is Mercy”

Pastor Josh Lee

²⁵ Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; ²⁷ “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.” ²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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.

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 creeds.

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.

God gets the final word in the worship service. And with it He chooses to bless His people. Go in the peace of His blessing!