

JANUARY 15, 2023

VESPERS CHICO

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

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

RidgeParadise & VespersChico

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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 Job 36.22-24 & I Samuel 2.2

Behold, God is exalted in his power;
Who is a teacher like him? Who has prescribed for him his way,
Or who can say, “You have done wrong?”
Remember to extol his work, of which men have sung.

**There is none holy like the Lord;
There is none besides you;
There is no rock like our God.**

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 From the Hymn “God Be Merciful To Me”

God, be merciful to me,	My transgressions I confess,
On thy grace I rest my plea;	Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
Plenteous in compassion thou,	I have sinned against thy grace
Blot out my transgressions now;	And provoked thee to thy face;
Wash me, make me pure within,	I confess thy judgment just,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.	Speechless, I thy mercy trust.

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.

Assurance of Grace Isaiah 49.13, 15

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; Break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.
...Can a woman forget her nursing child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #21

Q: What is true faith?

A: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted not only to others, but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ’s merit. 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 have confessed these same creeds.

Preaching of God’s Word Romans 11.33-36

“Bursting At The Seams”
Pastor Bryan Laws

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Communion elements will be served at the front of the church by our Elders. Please take the elements back to your seat and hold them until all have been served and we can eat and drink together.

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 6.24-26

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.

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!