**JULY 6**, 2025

# VESPERSCHICO

"...nothing among you except

Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

# Community Highlights

#### **Children's Ministry Volunteers**

Huge thanks to those who volunteer kidsministry.ridgepres@gmail.com

#### **BBQ** Potluck

Next Sunday, July 13th, right after church! BBQ provided; Fixins' needed

#### **Marriage Enrichment Lunch**

Sunday, Aug. 3rd @ 12pm | Chico SDA See QR code link for full deets & RSPV!



#### All Church Fall Retreat

Keep saving the dates: Oct. 24-26 Full registration roll out next Sunday!

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!



# Vespers Kids

#### **Infants and Toddlers**

Caregivers of babies can utilize the cry rooms on either side of the sanctuary at all times. Toddlers (1-3yrs) are invited to join our teachers in the Nursery for play, Bible stories, and songs. The Nursery class is located in the kids wing.

# **Pre-School & Elementary**

Our Runners Class (3yrs.–TK) and our Elementary Class (K-2nd Grade) 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.

## **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 ten completed Worship Guides to Madeline for a prize.

# **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 26.1-3 & 12

"Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me; Test my heart and my mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness. ...

My foot stands on level ground; In the great assembly I will bless the LORD."

- 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 deliaht in Him.

#### Confession of Sin: Based on Isaiah 55.6-8

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; Call upon him while he is near; Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD."

- Prayer of Confession -

#### **Assurance of Grace:** Isaiah 1.18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.'

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.

> \*Endured the full wrath of God the Father \*\*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 words.

# **Greetings & Fellowship (w/ Sending & Blessing of Children)**

Welcome to all newcomers and visiting quests 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 to the other 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: Romans 12.2

"Gospel Stewardship: The Mind" Pastor Josh Lee

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

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.

# **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.

#### **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."

ship 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!

God gets the final word in the wor-