

JULY 13, 2025



VESPERSCHICO

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

Community Highlights

Vespers BBQ Tonight!

Right after church!
Fellowship Hall + Courtyard

Marriage Enrichment Lunch

Sunday, August 3rd @ 12 pm
Hosted at Chico SDA



All Church Retreat

Oct. 24-26 @ Woodleaf
Full registration via QR



Guys Throwing Stuff

Men's Gathering @ the Hatchet House
Saturday, July 26th @ 1:00pm

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 adapted from Ephesians 1.18-23

Let us worship God in Spirit and Truth, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened **so that we might know the hope to which he has called us, and the riches of his glorious inheritance towards His saints.**

Let us witness the immeasurable greatness of God’s power towards those who believe, and his great might within the church **The same might that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him high above every ruler, authority, power, and dominion, and high above every name.** He is the King of creation, head of the church, and the fullness of Him who fills all in all **Not only in this age, but in the age to come. Forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

Prayer of Lament based on Psalm 4.6

“There are many who say, ‘who will show us some good?’ Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”

Father, our planet is reeling. War and famine, terror and oppression abound. When will you bring your peace? **Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!** Father, our world is divided. Homes and churches split, neighbors hating neighbors, pride and enmity overshadow compassion and grace. When will you intervene? **Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!** Father, our sorrows are mounting. Death and disease confront us, fear and loneliness haunt our hearts. When will you comfort your people? **Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!** *[Silent Prayers...]*

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 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, 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*

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

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 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 Psalm 50.9-12 & James 1.17

“Gospel Stewardship: The Home”
Pastor Bryan Laws

⁹I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

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.

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Benediction 2 Corinthians 13.14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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!