

JULY 27, 2025



VESPERSCHICO

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

Community Highlights |

Hagari Rwanda

Rutagengwa Family Visiting!
Sunday, August 10th

Marriage Enrichment Lunch

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



All Church Retreat

Oct. 24-26 @ Woodleaf
Full registration via QR



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

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 from John 4.23-25

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.** Let us worship 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.

Missions Moment from Valley of Vision, ‘Yet I sin’

Eternal Father, my lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to Thee; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. Unmask to me sin’s deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. I have used my body and mind as a weapon of revolt against Thee. I have rebelled and misused my strength. I have served the enemies of Thy Kingdom, instead of Thee. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance. Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross. Amen.

We can be honest with God about our failures and sins because we know we have been fully forgiven in Christ. His grace frees us to name our brokenness and see his forgiving and healing hand in our lives.

Assurance of Grace Psalm 32.5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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 Adapted from Philippians 2

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in our likeness. We believe He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a cross. We believe God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the Name above every other, that at the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We believe we are called to rejoice in Him, and shine His light, as we daily work out our great Salvation. 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 words.

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 John 15.9-17

“Gospel Stewardship: The Heart Posture of Relationships
Ruling Elder Nathaniel Wion

9As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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.

Benediction Numbers 6.24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face 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. That is what the word benediction means: “blessing.” Go in the peace of His blessing!