

AUGUST 3, 2025

Community Highlights

Hagari Rwanda

The Rutagengwas visit & will share updates!

When: Next Sunday, August 10th!

Note: Enjoy fellowship w/ the Rutagengwas

Pre-Vespers @ the Paradise BBQ / Potluck:

11pm | 6722 Clark Rd. | Burgers & Dogs provided.

Bring sides/desserts to share. Water play for kiddos!

All Church Retreat

Oct. 24-26 @ Woodleaf

Full registration via QR code



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.

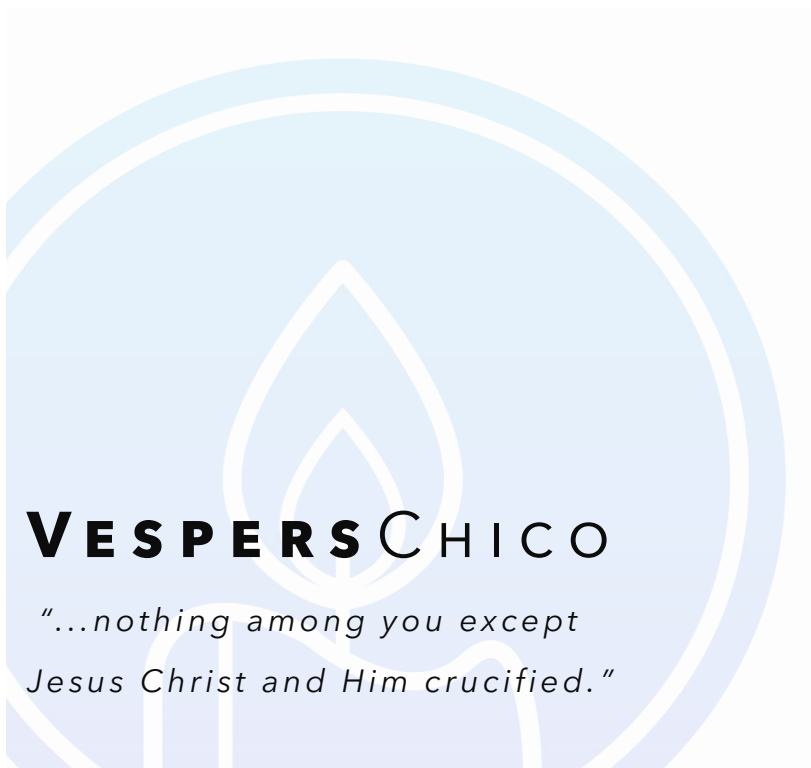
Ridge Presbyterian Church

RidgeParadise & VespersChico

Find us Online: www.ridgepresbyterian.org

Office: 562 Manzanita Ave. Ste. 3 Chico, 95926

Call/Email: 530.872.8270 | office.ridgepres@gmail.com



VESPERSCHICO

*"...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: Psalm 16.7-11

“I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; In the night also my heart instructs me.

**I have set the LORD always before me;
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; My flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”**

- 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 delight in Him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Based on Psalm 145.9-10

O Lord, our refuge in a fallen world, and very present help in trouble—On this earth we know too well the sting of death and the power of sin; **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** (1Cor.15.57) Our troubles mount up on every side, and they often plague us through the watches of the night; **But thanks be to God, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.** (Ps.68.19) In these days spiritual darkness blinds the eyes and hardens the hearts of many, even close neighbors and those we love; **But thanks be to God, who calls a people out of darkness, and into His marvelous light. The light of Christ shines in darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.** (1Pt.2.9 & Jn.1.5) Here and now we do walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and these bodies of flesh and bone continually falter, and we grow weary; **But thanks be to God, for neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from your love in Christ.** (Rm.8.39) Thank you Lord for the truth of your grace, for the finished work of Christ on the cross, for the hope of heaven and eternity with you, Immanuel, in which all wrongs will be made right and all tears wiped away. **Thanks be to God! Through Jesus Christ we have access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.** (Rm.5.2) Hallelujah! Indeed, all your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you. Amen.

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 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 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: Luke 17.7-10

“Gospel Stewardship: The Body”
Elder Caleb Fleming

⁷ “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

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.

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.

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. That is what the word benediction means: “blessing.” Go in the peace of His blessing!