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"...nothing among you except

Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Community Highlights

Hagari Rwanda

Visit: www.hagari.rw Also, use this QR Code for Hagari's Instagram page...



All Church Retreat

Oct. 24-26 @ Woodleaf Full registration via QR code



Also, join the Ruttagengwas for:

- Dinner tonight: @ Aztlan (2601 Esplanade)
- Dessert Tues. @ 6:30pm (409 Eel River Ln.)

On The Radar: Things Coming Soon!

-Guys Throwing Stuff: 8.20

-Fall Small Groups Listing in the works!

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!





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 92.1-4

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; At the works of your hands I sing for joy."

- Opening Prayer -

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.

Missions Moment: Hagari Rwanda

We are so glad to have our friends and long-term missionary partners, Hope & Godfrey Rutagengwa with us today, along with their kiddoes Bennett and Hope. Listen up for an update in the service about all that's going on with the ministry of Hagari in Rwanda, including the latest on the Inzozi Academy! Also listen up for details about post-service fellowship opportunities to learn and connect more. See the Linktree or visit: www.hagari.rw for more!

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.

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.

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 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: Genesis 2.5-15

"Gospel Stewardship: Work–A Very Sacred Matter" Elder Brad Jacobson

⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up-for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground-7then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

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."

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.

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!