

**JULY 17, 2022**

## Connect & Serve |

### **VespersChico Potluck**

Sunday, July 24th  
Alex Salberg | 760.881.6650

### **RidgeParadise Dinner Party**

Saturday, August 13th  
Rowena Drake | 530.521.6518

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.



## Vespers Kids |

### **Nursery & Toddlers**

Parents of Babies can utilize the cry rooms on either side of the sanctuary. Toddlers (1–3yrs.) are invited to play in the Crawlers class located in the children’s wing. Both of these childcare options are available for the entire service.

### **Pre-school & Elementary**

Our Runners Class (3-5yrs.) and our Elementary Class (5-8yrs.) 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

### **Note Challenge**

For older kids (9yrs.+), we have clipboards on the back table for drawing/sketching/coloring. If you can turn in 10 note pages with a little something you heard in church each week, you earn a prize!

### **Ridge Presbyterian Church**

RidgeParadise & VespersChico

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**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 116.5-7

“Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
Our God is merciful.  
The Lord preserves the simple;  
When I was brought low, he saved me.

**Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.”**

*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.*

### Tithes & Offerings

Our ushers will pass collection baskets during the final song. If writing a check, please make payable to “Ridge Presbyterian Church” since VespersChico and RidgeParadise are both 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.*

### Dismissal & Blessing of Children

Our children are a blessing from the LORD! Return clipboards, visit the bathroom, and check kids in to the appropriate room for children’s church! (See back panel!)

*Discipling our children happens on Sundays at church and all throughout the week at home. We pray a blessing on our kiddoes as we send them off to children’s ministry.*

### Greetings & Fellowship

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.

*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.*

### Confession & Assurance of Grace Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?**

But with you there is forgiveness,  
That you may be feared.

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
And in his word I hope;  
My soul waits for the Lord  
More than watchmen for the morning,  
More than watchmen for the morning.**

**( Silent Prayers of Confession )**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there  
is steadfast love,  
And with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
From all his iniquities.

*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.*

### 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.

*\*Separation from God*

*\*\*The Church in all times and places*

*Credo 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 creeds.*

### Preaching of God’s Word Romans 8.26-28

“Feeble Prayers”, Pastor Josh Lee

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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

### Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Communion elements will be served at the front of the church by the Elders of RPC. Please take the elements back to your seat and hold them until all have been served and 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.*

## This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

CCLI Song # 7018338  
Ben Fielding | Matt Crocker 2014 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

## Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

CCLI Song # 5925687  
Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher  
2011 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

## Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

CCLI Song # 108389  
John Wyeth | Robert Robinson  
Words: Public Domain

## Nothing I Hold Onto

I lean not on my own understanding  
My life is in the hands of the maker of heaven

I give it all to You God  
Trusting that You'll make  
Something beautiful out of me

I will climb this mountain  
With my hands wide open  
(REPEAT)

There's nothing I hold onto  
There's nothing I hold onto  
(REPEAT)

CCLI Song # 5911251  
Will Reagan  
2010 Capitol CMG Genesis (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

## Fall Afresh

Awaken my soul come awake  
To hunger to seek to thirst  
Awaken first love come awake  
And do as You did at first

Spirit of the living God come fall afresh on me  
Come wake me from my sleep  
Blow through the caverns of my soul pour in me  
To overflow to overflow

Yes Spirit come and fill this place  
Let Your glory now invade  
Spirit come and fill this place  
Let Your glory now invade