

**AUGUST 7, 2022**

Connect & Serve |

**Kid's Ministry Helpers**

Sign up for the Fall schedule  
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**RidgeParadise Dinner Party**

Saturday, August 13th  
Rowena Drake | 530.521.6518

**Pastor Bryan's Return!**

First day back: Tomorrow, August 8th  
First Sunday back: August 14th

**Family Directory for Kid's Ministry**

See LinkTree below for more  
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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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**VESPERS CHICO**

*"...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 126.1-3

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
Then they said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them”**

Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

*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. This week we’ll be taking a special offering at the end of the service that can also be accessed through the QR code.

*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.*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving Inspired by Isaiah 40

Father help us to see your greatness and to know your majesty. We toss these words around so carelessly...greatness, glory, majesty. Sometimes we say them without even thinking about what they mean. Teach us Lord how glorious you truly are! How you exist in eternity without beginning or end, how you create and tenderly care for all things, how you show your people a compassion and love that knows no bounds. Teach us these things so that we may praise you as you deserve to be praised. You tell us in your Word that you are able to do above and beyond all we can hope or imagine, but today we declare that you yourself ARE above and beyond all we can hope or imagine. Be exalted O Lord. It is in the name of Jesus Christ that we pray.

*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 - Adapted from Colossians 1

We believe that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God and the Firstborn of all creation. We believe that by Him all things exist, and that in Him they hold together. Christ alone is Head of the Church, the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, preeminent in all things. We believe that the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Him, and through Him, to reconcile to Himself all things, making peace by the blood of His cross. Though we were once alienated from God, hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, we believe that the death and atonement of Christ enables Him to present us Holy, blameless and above reproach before a Holy God. By grace and through faith we remain steadfast, never shifting from this gospel hope, which is being proclaimed in all creation. 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 creeds.*

### Preaching of God’s Word Romans 8.31-34

*“The Question With No Answer”*

Pastor Josh Lee

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

*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

If needed, Communion elements can be found on the back table. Please dispose of empty cups by giving to a deacon during collection or disposing in the bins on the way out of the Sanctuary.

*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. Go in the peace of His blessing!*