

JANUARY 12, 2025

Community Highlights |

Trauma Care Training Opportunity

Wednesday, Jan. 15th; 6-8:30pm
@ Chico SDA Church. Contact Kelly & RJ Winter
See Linktree for signup and more info!

Winter/Spring Small Group Listing

See the Linktree to find an updated small group listing! Contact Pastor B with details if you lead or host a group yourself!

Giving Letters: Today!

2024 giving letters are complete and ready to be picked up! Look for yours at the assigned table before you leave.

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!



Ridge Kids |

Pre-school & Elementary

Kids are encouraged to stay in the service for worship singing, congregational prayer, and confession of faith. After the singing concludes, we'll pray for our kids and dismiss them to head upstairs for children's church. They can be picked up right after the Benediction.

Note Challenge

For older kids (9yrs.+), we have sermon notebooks at the back of the sanctuary. If you turn in a note page with a little something you heard from the sermon, you'll get to take your pick from the prize chest.

Ridge Presbyterian Church

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RIDGE PARADISE

*"...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 100.1-5

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! **Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!** For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.”

-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.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1.1-5

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.”

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Father, on this second Sunday of a new year... **we acknowledge you as Creator, and all the world as your creation.** As light itself and “the first day” are the works of your hand, **so everything we are, and everything we have is from you.** In the act of creation, you spoke, and it came to be; **Forgive us Father of the ways we often ignore or reject your word. We are often creation in rebellion.** As you in wisdom named all things and created boundaries, limits and distinctions, **we confess that we blur lines, reject your good distinctions and buck against your intended design.** Forgive us our many rebellions against you, and renew our minds in your truth. **Lord, hear our many prayers and confessions...** - Silent Prayers -

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.

God’s Word is living and active. As the Holy Spirit gives us ears to hear it and hearts willing to receive it, we are comforted, built up, corrected and instructed for our growth in God’s grace..

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.

Assurance of Grace: James 4.6

“But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

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.

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*

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!)

Preaching of God’s Word: Joshua 4.1-7;19-24

“The Rocks Cry Out”

Pastor Josh Lee

1 When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 2“Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, 3 and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’” 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. 5 And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, 6 that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ 7 then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.” ... [Continue on Slides/Bibles]

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.”

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.

Creeeds 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.

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.

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!