

**MARCH 2, 2025**

## Community Highlights |

### Winter/Spring Small Groups

See the Updated List of Groups on LinkTree  
Contact Pastor Bryan with any Q's or Changes!

### Kindred Women's Conference

All ladies invited for worship & fellowship, 4/25-27.  
See Neighborhood Church promo/linktree all details.

### New Children's Ministry Director

Our new CM Director will be Madeline Wion;  
We are grateful & will hear more in coming wks!

### Friday Fellowship Dinner

The Laws Fam will host, 3/14. All are welcome!  
Contact Pastor Bryan or Angie for details/RSVP.

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 |

### Little Kids

Our infant to three year olds class is available for the whole service, and set up to be flexible to meet the children's needs for movement and comfort. Our lead teacher Tabitha reads a Bible story and sings songs with the toddler age kiddos and we have a volunteer to assist as needed. Pagers are provided.

### Bigger Kids

Bigger Kids (ages four to eight) have a classroom in the children's wing, but won't be dismissed to Sunday School until right before the sermon. Our weekly teacher Sarah and a rotating team of volunteers are committed to introducing our kids to Scripture memory, prayer, and seeing Jesus in ALL of the Bible!

### Note Challenge

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

## Ridge Presbyterian Church

RidgeParadise & VespersChico

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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 92.1-4

**ALL:** ***"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,***

**LEADER:** to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

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

- 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.*

*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.*

### 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving: Based on Psalm 92 & Other Scriptures

Our Father in Heaven, in a world full of pain and often bitterness, your people are those who through it all still acknowledge and say together:

***It is good to give thanks to the LORD; To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.***

Thank you that in a world of great confusion

***You have given to your people a good shepherd in Jesus who knows us and lays down his life for his sheep.***

Thank you that in a world that loves darkness and does evil

***You have given a Savior who is the true light and who gives the light of life.***

Thank you that in moments of fear and unknowing

***We can rest in Jesus as the way, the truth and the life in all seasons.***

Thank you that when we are discouraged, downcast or defeated by sin

***We can trust that the One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.***

Thank you Father, Son and Holy Spirit; To you all thanks is due,

***For our God is the rock in whom we take refuge; Our fortress and our deliverer. 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: 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 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: 2 Timothy 1.6-8

"The Fear & The Flame: Pt. 2"

Pastor Josh Lee

<sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. <sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

*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!*