

**MARCH 23, 2025**  
THIRD OF LENT

**RIDGE PARADISE**

*"...nothing among you except  
Jesus Christ and Him crucified."*



Community Highlights |

**Coming Food/Fellowship Events**

Vespers Dinner: TONIGHT, Sun., March 23  
Ridge Brunch Potluck: Sunday, April 6th

**Ridge/Vespers 101**

Coming Saturday, April 5th  
Sign up via LinkTree or email a pastor

**Holy Week Services**

Good Friday—5pm @ PUMC  
Easter Sunrise—6:30am @ Shaffer Ranch  
& @ Magalia Community Church  
Regular Ridge & Vespers Worship Services

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. Pagets are provided.

**Bigger Kids**

Bigger Kids (ages four to eight) stay 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 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 97.1-5;12

“The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the many coastlands be glad! **Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.** Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; **The earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth.** ... Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!”

- 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.

### A Prayer of Confession: Based on Galatians 5.24-26

Father in Heaven and Lord of all the earth; **Apart from you we are lost, bitter, broken and empty.** By grace you call us to repentance and to walk in light with you. **Thank you Father; Forgive us for going our own way.** Forgive us for accepting your forgiveness, but withholding forgiveness from others. **Forgive us for extracting a speck from the eye of another, while ignoring the log in our own.** Forgive us for so readily receiving your love, while being so sparing and feeble in returning love to you and to others. **Your gifts of pure grace abound, good Father. Forgive us for being unmerciful servants when your mercies to us are new every morning.** Lord, hear our prayers.

-Silent Confession-

### Assurance of Grace: Colossians 1.21-23a

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard...”

*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.*

*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.

### 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: 2 Timothy 1.15-2.7

“Boom, Bust & Back At It”

Pastor Bryan Laws

<sup>15</sup> You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup> May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, <sup>17</sup> but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— <sup>18</sup> may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus. <sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> An athlete is not crowned unless he... [See 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.*

*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.*

*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!*