

DECEMBER 8, 2024
SECOND OF ADVENT



RIDGE PARADISE

*"Til He appeared,
and the soul felt its worth."*

Community Highlights |

Christmas Wish 2024

Gift drop-off @ church office by 12/11
Contact | Noelle Fleming (714)742.1339

Ladies Christmas Night

Wednesday, Dec. 18th @ 6:30pm
See Linktree for full details

Family Sunday Before Christmas

Lessons & Carols with our Kids!
Sunday, December 22nd

Shaffer's Christmas Eve Service

Join in the festivities! All are welcome!
3882 Keefer Rd. | Tues., Dec. 24th @ 5:30

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 the Children's Education Building. 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

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: Galatians 4.4-5 & Psalm 130.5-6

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

ALL: “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.”
-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.

Second Week of Advent: Isaiah 9.6-7

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

An Advent Prayer: Mighty God

Our Father in Heaven, as we hear the words of Isaiah, and are reminded that the baby who was born in the manger is also our God, **we are humbled anew by the meekness of the incarnation.** Although as God in flesh, Jesus proves Himself again and again to be mighty beyond compare, **still we find ourselves anxious and troubled by many things in this life.** Remind us Lord, this Advent season, that the One who came down from heaven that very first Christmas **is also our mighty Savior and God of all.** As we light the second candle of our Advent wreath, we worship you and pray together: **Come again, Mighty God, and put darkness to flight.** *Candle Lighting* ...

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.

“Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!” -Ps.31.24

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.

Sacrament of Baptism & Receiving New Members *Vespers Only*

For Baptism: Jamison A. Sedar

For Membership: Peter Brennan (w/ Kaitlyn & Ira), Joe Collins (w/ Bonnie), Dave & Beth Palmer, Hannah Schiek & The Sedar Family (Mark, Lindsay & Jamie)

Scripture tell us that the Lord himself builds His church. As its Head and Savior, Jesus draws people to Himself, stirring their hearts to love His bride and commit to his body! We celebrate today God’s faithfulness and the gift of joining members.

Confession of Faith: Adapted from Colossians 1 *Ridge Only*

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.

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.

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. Also during this time, parents can return clipboards, visit the bathroom with littles, and take them out the side door and through the courtyard to the Children’s Education Building.

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: Matthew 1.1-17

“Matthew’s Begats”

Pastor Josh Lee

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and ... [Continue on Slides/Bibles]

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.

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!