



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 2025

(US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship Service

Time: 10:30 AM Central Time

February 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.

February 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.

February 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.

February 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion
Sunday morning,
February 2, 2024**



ECLECTIC CAFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday, Jan. 26, Lynne Payne will lead a discussion on values.

Sunday, Feb. 2, Judy Humphrey will lead a discussion about the Apocrapha

Sunday, Feb. 9 Marsha West will start a several week study of Wisdom Literature from a PCUSA study.

Eclectic Café Zoom meeting ID:

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Password is Eclectic.

"THE GATHERING"

The Gathering, our multigenerational Sunday school class led by Paul Duncan, is conducting a DVD lesson series on the Book of Proverbs. The DVD lessons are short to allow plenty of time for discussion. All are welcome to attend!

Mission/Vision statement

Following our Savior's example, Ridglea Presbyterian Church strives to perform acts of compassion and inclusivity in our daily lives while seeking to grow in spirit and hope.

SESSION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 20, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



Before They're Gone Forever

A catalog came across my desk recently, at least the third one declaring that this is my last chance, that they will no longer be selling DVD's, so this is the time to take advantage of this last-moment sale – before they are gone forever!! The Great Courses company has been moving to streaming its products for more than a handful of years, encouraging its customers by charging a premium for hard copies, those soon-to-be-unavailable DVD's.

While it is nearly inevitable that at least a few more of these “act now!” catalogs will appear, it got me to pondering the many different technologies that have faded from popularity, though not totally disappeared, like landlines for telephones, vinyl albums and cassette tapes, film cameras, manual transmissions, typewriters, and more. All of these can still be found, and enjoyed, but they are far from their earlier dominance in our lives.

This might be a good time and place to ponder, to reflect, and to rejoice that faith never changes, right? To hold firm and fast to the idea that faith will never go the way of the buggy whip, the rotary-dial phone, the record player, or the slide rule (all of which, by the way, are still being used).

The way that we live into and live out our faith also changes, although usually at a slower pace than most technologies. From the mid 1600's to the mid 1900's the English-speaking church held fast to the King James Authorized Version of Scripture, which slowly gave way to the Revised Standard Version, which began publication in the 1940's, and now there are dozens of very good translations. As with vinyl albums, the King James Bible is also still being printed and utilized.

There are congregations and denominations which hold fast to the expressions and expectations of earlier generations, asserting that how we worship and how we live our faith is defined by a set of obligations, a collection of rules that are immutable. Even Presbyterians have had scattered moments, in our three hundred-plus years, when we have tried to make such proclamations, only to realize that such strictures are the opposite of the stories and witness of Scripture.

Here is an easy example: Israel spent a couple of centuries looking upon the Moabites as enemies, and along came the story of Ruth, the woman of Moab who was the grandmother of king David, overturning generations of enmity. Another example: Paul writes over and over and over that “the Law” had become a straitjacket, a spotlight of sinfulness for the people of Israel, instead of an identity of divine promise, so Paul preached and explained that, in order to reclaim this identity and promise, Jesus Christ came into the world, for the whole world.

The world has been changing since the beginning of time, so the demise of DVD's, or landlines is hardly a big deal. On the other hand, if we continue to live into the witness of Scripture, which challenges us toward acceptance, toward mercy, and toward love, then we will hold on to meaningful traditions while also building highways of hope.

Peace,

Making contact...

Ridglea Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is governed by the Session, an elected body composing of elders and pastors. Our committees, led by elders, oversee our ministries. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Email: Clerk@RidgleaPres.org. Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: Deacons@RidgleaPres.org

RPC SESSION

Class of 2025

Mary Fisher
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Mick Stuart
Durinda Walker

Class of 2026

Beth Duncan
Shiryl Gillaspie
George Tischler
Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison
Marji Raunikar
Mary Beth Sisolak-Wagner
Becky Williamson

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

RPC TRUSTEES

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Tom Sisolak

Class of 2026

Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison

2024-2025 RPC DEACONS

Lynne Payne - Moderator
Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator
Jo VanOosterhout
Glenna Cleworth
Diane Keller

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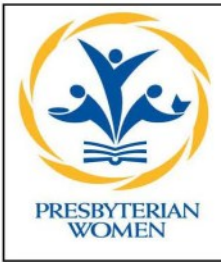
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Circle Meeting Times:

- Circle 1: February 11th at Church (Fish Classroom) 10:30 a.m.
- Circle 2: February 11th at Church (Eclectic Classroom) 10:30 a.m.
- Circle 3: February 4th at Church (Eclectic Classroom) 6:30 p.m.

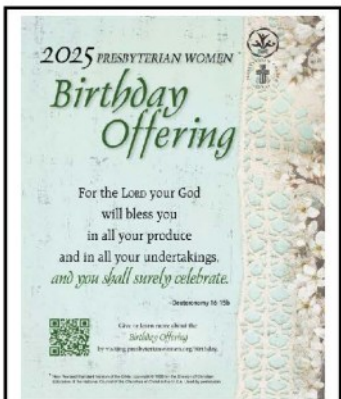
Just Bring It –February 2025: We are collecting PrayerBears for Cook Children’s Hospital. The PrayerBear Program aims to give the gift of a soft, huggable PrayerBear to every child spending the night in the hospital. The PrayerBear Program began in 1997 as a way for local faith communities and organizations to support Cook Children’s patients and families through prayer. On average, over 300 bears are delivered to patients each week.

Also, PWR is collecting items for WestAid and the Presbyterian Night Shelter Quail Trail Apartments on an ongoing basis: toiletry items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, wet wipes, toothbrushes, etc.), sanitary products, & pet food. Please place items in the labeled box located near the office.

Looking Ahead:

February 25th: PWR General Meeting – Join us at 10:30 a.m. to hear Emily Everts, Ridglea Presbyterian Church’s Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator, share information about her journey on the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James), an extensive network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and coming together at the shrine of the apostle James in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain, where tradition holds that the remains of the apostle are buried.

March 28th-29th: RPC Annual Women’s Retreat at Inn on the River, Glen Rose. The theme is “Unplug to Recharge,” focusing on Psalm 46:10 – “Be still and know that I am God.”



The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women’s two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. This offering will be collected during upcoming PWR Circle meetings.

At the January PWR General Meeting, Tim Huchton, Mo-Ranch President & CEO, shared information about the 75-year history of the camp and conference center. If you are interested in attending the Mo-Ranch Women’s Conference with RPC friends on June 6-8, 2025, contact Karen Landon (karenlandon2010@gmail.com).



YOUTH...RPC Sunday School 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Children and Youth February 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Fellowship Luncheon Youth Ice Skating 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	10	11	12	13		Parent's Day Out 4 pm - 7 pm 
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

YOUTH ICE SKATING EVENT

Sunday February 16th after the Fellowship Luncheon
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm



After eating Lunch we will load up the bus and head to ICE at the Parks in Arlington. Bring \$10, pick up will be back at the church. Contact Emily for any questions or concerns.



PARENTS DAY OUT


Saturday, February 15, 2025
From 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Drop off your Kids (Toddler - 6th grade) at Church with a packed snack/food.

We will play outside, play inside, watch a movie, eat popcorn and have so much fun!

Please contact Emily to reserve a spot by February 10th!

emily@ridgleapres.org



The CE Team would like to invite the congregation to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring.

This is an annual event where communities come together, inspired by the Super Bowl, to tackle hunger locally. For over three decades, the Souper Bowl of Caring has empowered individuals, organizations, and schools to raise food and funds for food banks and community-based charities.

Ridglea will be supporting West Aid. All the monetary donations that are collected will go straight to West Aid! The CE team and Youth will accept monetary donations in the Narthex after worship on Sunday, February 9th. We hope to see you there!



**See details and register on Realm
for these upcoming events:**

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
February 19th Fellowship Luncheon	February 16th	Wednesday February 12th	Fellowship Committee providing the entire meal: Lasagna, Salad, and bread.

Mark your calendars for events coming soon:

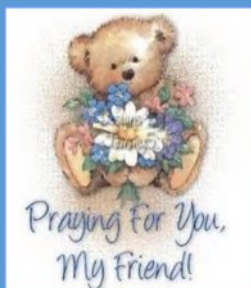
(We'll let you know when registration opens on Realm)



Event:	Date:
March Fellowship Luncheon	March 16th
Granbury Dinner & Theater Outing	Saturday, March 22nd

PWR FALL PROGRAM - CHAIR YOGA

Ginger Humber that teaches Yoga at the church on Monday nights (1st and 3rd Monday) at 6:00 p.m. has opened another Yoga class called "Chair Yoga". Chair Yoga is a gentle modified form of Yoga that uses a chair for all movement. The class meets every Wednesday at RPC from 1:30—2:15 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per class. Please come join us! Wear loose fitting clothes.



Just Bring It for February, 2025, we will be collecting Prayer Bears for Cook Children's Hospital. Please bring a **NEW** small bear (8-12inches) to worship for a "blessing of the bears" donation. No writing, no perfumes, no sounds (**BEARS ONLY**) Remember, these bears are for sick children, so they should be of sufficient quality to be safe for an extended hospital stay, and should still have tags attached. The prayer bears will be blessed in the February 23, 2025 worship service.



Ridglea Presbyterian 2025 Scholarship Application

Ridglea Presbyterian offers scholarships for all levels from Associate to Doctorates. Applications for 2025 will be open from February 3, 2025 to April 15, 2025.



The 2025 Flower Calendar is posted in the Narthex if you wish to celebrate, honor or remember a special person, date or occasion, Please sign up as the spaces fill up pretty quickly.

PWR Annual Christmas Program

December 10, 2024



Annual Story Reading by Linda Wilson

SPECIAL MUSIC BY:

- John Sauvey
- Jared Welch,
- Pastor Roger Harwerth
- Mick Stuart



RPC ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF 2025



KAREN LANDON



RENEE STUART

This QR code (for phone apps) will direct people to our Realm portal for online giving; a Realm account will need to be created, though it is very simple to do.



Many of us know the blessings of having fellow church members pray for us and others. Prayer Request items are distributed to a list maintained by PWR. Anyone who would like to be added to this distribution list should call the Church office. Anyone who has a prayer request can send the information to Ruth Ann Rinewalt at r.rinewalt@att.net.



We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for Sundays during the 2024 year of worship. Please volunteer to help with the Sunday morning worship service. Also, if you signed up for a particular Sunday and something comes up, please contact Durinda Walker at 817-229-9880 in order to fill those positions.

Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4ae2ea3f85-ushers1>

Remember Our Home Members



On the first and second Sunday of each month, beautiful note cards will be available for RPC members to send to our "Home" members. Following worship service, these cards will be in white baskets in the Narthex on a first come basis.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



The RPC Women are collecting quarters in the Narthex after service every second Sunday of the month to assist Westaid.



The Jam Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lots of bluegrass, folk, Americana and country music is shared with acoustic (un-amplified) instruments. Musicians of all skills are encouraged!

Are you interested in membership at Ridglea Presbyterian Church? Contact Pastor Roger for all the deets and FAQ's.



a new church for you to call home

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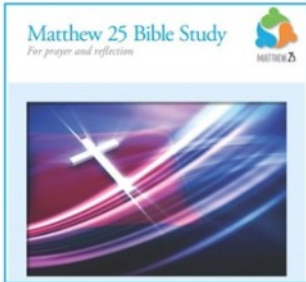


Wednesday mornings
8:30 a.m.

Central Market– Upstairs

The men's prayer breakfast has been a vital part of Ridglea's mission and ministry for decades. We enjoy a hearty breakfast and pray for people and events around the world.

Matthew 25 Action Team



Thanks to Linda Launder for leading our discussion of CUSTER'S FALL, a fascinating book that looks at some of our history from the First Americans perspective.

On February 6, please join us for Movies That Matter at The Modern. PICTURE A SCIENTIST is about the issues facing women scientists. Dinner at McAllister's is at 5:30 for those who want to or you can just meet us at the movie. Free Tickets are here: [Picture a Scientist – Welcome to the City of Fort Worth](#)

The evening of February 7 some of us will be helping Ridglea Christian Church serve a meal to some folks who come to their Room In The Inn, which supports the homeless during the coldest times and the hottest times. We'll have more opportunities this summer. We'd love to have a few good men to go with us to visit with the guests.

Quail Trail opportunities in February are: Friday, February 21 9:15 am to help with the TAFB distribution and Tuesday, February 25 for the Birthday Celebration at 11 am.

On Tuesday March 25 at Book Club we'll discuss HOW WE LEARN TO BE BRAVE by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde. We still need a leader for this one.

No book club in April because of the PWR retreat in Glen Rose.

May 27 we'll discuss THE SIRENS CALL: How Attention Became the World's Most Endangered Resource by Chris Hayes. Melissa Burkhardt will lead this book study.

If you have other books you'd like us to consider, please email me: mwest7012@sbcglobal.net

Please join us in our efforts to serve the "least of these."

Marsha West

**YOUR SESSION INVITES YOU TO
FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:**

- 1. FIND YOUR PASSION**
- 2. FIND YOUR TEAM/COMMITTEE**
- 3. IDENTIFY YOUR MEETING NIGHT**
- 4. GET INVOLVED!**

2nd Sunday of the Month
February 9, 2025 **11:45 a.m.**
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
February 11, 2025 **6:15 p.m.**
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Mary Beth Wagner, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
February 4, 2025 **7:00 p.m. & Zoom**
Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
February 12, 2025 **6:30 p.m.**
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
February 5, 2025 **5:30 p.m.**
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Durinda Walker, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
February 12, 2025 **5:30 p.m.**
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
John Little, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
February 6, 2025 **6:00 p.m.**
Personnel: Focus on Staff Support
Mick Stuart, Chair

2nd Thursday
(week prior to Session Meeting)
6:00 p.m. - Zoom
Finance & Budget: Focus on Stewardship
Reeve Van Nostrand, Chair

2nd Tuesday of the Month
February 11, 2025 **6:00 p.m.**
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
February 20, 2025
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

AV Team
Contact: Nancy Staples

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon



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Colton Morrison	2	19
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The next
newsletter
deadline
will be
February 19, 2025
at noon.