



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November, 2020

## 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - ON ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 830 4669 0636

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November 1, 2020	10:30 AM
November 8, 2020	10:30 AM
November 15, 2020	10:30 AM
November 22, 2020	10:30 AM
November 29, 2020	10:30 AM



1st Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2020

### Park It Right Here!

**We are going to host parking-lot services on November 1, 8, 15, and 22!! These brief services of worship will be broadcast over FM radio at 8:30 a.m., from the “front porch” of Ridglea Presbyterian. The services will include pre-recorded music, prayers, and devotional reflections; on November 1st we will also celebrate the sacrament, bringing the elements to each vehicle (we will call this “car-munion”!). If the temperatures are warm enough to sit outside, we will ask folks to maintain social distance and wear masks. These parking-lot services will not be recorded; the 10:30 services will continue to be broadcast over social media platforms. This should be a “lot” of fun!**

**SESSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020  
7:00 P.M. (ZOOM)**

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Can You Believe It?

Over the recent months a handful of folks have been working together to update our congregation's web-site, and we are almost ready to "launch" this new platform. Actually, you may be reading this newsletter on our new site!! We have engaged the services of a web designer who has helped more than a dozen congregations, and this has been a good experience for all of us who have been involved.

One of the goals for this update is to be more visual and less textual, and to refresh much of the text that had been utilized. To that end, a new heading of "What We Believe" was created, that combines our past, present, and future, celebrating our connectional fabric.

#### What We Believe

The first sentence of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Book of Order states that "The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God ... creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people." Such a wide-ranging statement reminds us that Ridglea Presbyterian Church (RPC) is connected to the broad sweep of the history and the future of the Church universal. We affirm that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation. Within the Synod of the Sun, within Grace Presbytery, and within our neighborhood, RPC strives to be a community of faith, a community of hope, and community of love, and a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace. (adapted from The Book of Order, F-1.01, F-1.0301)

We hope you enjoy exploring the new web-site, and will encourage others to visit us too.

Peace,  
Roger H.

# 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](mailto:Clerk@RidgleaPres.org). Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: [Deacons@RidgleaPres.org](mailto:Deacons@RidgleaPres.org)

## RPC SESSION

### Class of 2021

Julie Ritz  
Butch Saxton  
Tom Sisolak  
Renee' Stuart

### Class of 2022

Delaine Godwin  
Katrina Little  
George Tischler  
Reeve Van Nostrand

### Class of 2023

Miriam Gallagher  
Gayle Johnson  
Nancy Staples  
Nick Thoni

*Clerk of Session: Karen Landon*

## RPC TRUSTEES

### Class of 2020

Ed Chandler  
Susan Everts

### Class of 2021

Jean Hadley  
Ken Kibler

### Class of 2022

Chris Henderson  
Susan Maxwell

## 2020 RPC DEACONS

Michelle Birdwell  
Lynne Payne  
Ruth Ann Rinewalt  
Jane Johnson—Home Member Care Coordinator  
Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinators  
\*Betsy Kibler – Funeral Reception Coordinator  
\*Not active Deacon

## RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Class of 2020

Ann Shelton

### Class of 2021

Thylis Chambless

### Class of 2022

Micky Severson

### Class of 2023

Beth Duncan (President)

### Designee

Will Stallworth

## Staff

Roger Harwerth, Pastor

Patricia Taber, Office Manager

Pier Crenshaw, Accountant

John Sauvey, Director of Music Ministries

Dale Bench, Organist

Thomas Rodriguez, Church Custodian

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Church Office #817.732.3388

## RPC Financials as of 09/30/2020

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
September:	\$34,531*	\$42,696
Year-to-Date:	\$327,531	\$344,679

### \*September Revenues include:

Pledge Giving	\$ 28,203
Non-Pledge Giving	\$ 6,141
Other	\$ 187

*We are grateful for each of you joyful givers!*



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

November 29—December 20

## All Saints' Sunday



November 1, 2020

With prayers of thanksgiving, we lift up the following who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year:

Donna Dickenson  
Al (Stubby) Stubbeman  
Nona Brennand  
Michelle Nimerick  
Robert (Bob) Miller

And those named in our hearts:

Dallas & Anna Lee Little (remembered by John & Katrina Little)  
Dennis O'Neal, Jr. (remembered by Melva O'Neal)  
Dennis O'Neal, III (remembered by Melva O'Neal)  
Chuck & Armeen Stone (remembered by John & Katrina Little)  
Fiske Hanley (remembered by Diane Keller)

Along with the many, many Saints who have gone before us, we give thanks for their guidance, friendship, wisdom and love.

## Facebook Update

Pastor Roger mentioned the update of Ridglea's web-site, and we also want to share some additions to one of our Facebook pages. In addition to week-day devotionals on Ridglea's home page (Ridglea Presbyterian Church), Pastor Roger has begun to post mid-week devotionals for families on the **Ridglea Children and Youth** page. These 5-8 minute videos share a couple of verses of scripture, a bit of reflection, and a brief closing prayer. Since they are on screen it is easy for adults and children to pause and chat about the verses before listening to the reflection, and then share in the closing prayer. The primary resource for these devotionals is *Making Time for God*, copyright 2002; Baker House Publishing. Check them out, rainbow trout!





On Saturday, October 3, 17 Ridglea Presbyterian Church members and guests volunteered in the Fall Cowtown Brushup project in east Fort Worth. In just a few hours we rolled, brushed and improved the outside of a home for a lady that could not have done this job alone. We are thankful to have the time and resources to have made a difference in someone's life in the name of our church and our Lord.

Volunteers:

Robin and Clay Roberts

Beth Duncan

Terry Smith

Jean Hadley

Caroline, Jody, Zander, Jady, Zoe Maas

Michelle Birdwell

Nancy Staples

Katrina Little

Sara Carpenter

Cary Dorman

Marsha and Walter Dueease

Thanks,  
Walt

### Some Thoughts on Giving \*

We may want to tiptoe around the issue of money and giving; we are uncomfortable with it. Jesus, however, reminds us that it is an issue of the heart. He says in Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We should give to please God. In doing so find we may find our greatest joy.

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Paul tells us "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

The Greek word for *cheerful* that Paul uses is the same word from which we get *hilarious*. This is the only use of this word in the Bible. The word connotes overflowing, joyful, and yes, hilarious giving. Giving should be one of our greatest joys.

Paul says that we should give as we have made up our mind (or perhaps we might say as we have decided in our heart). God does not need our money. He has created everything, is creating now, and will always be creating. While we should try not to make foolish decisions, we often limit our giving by what we think is possible. Why not give as if God really is in charge of what we have? Just give. No organization to which we give is perfect; our church is not perfect. Just give with joy and let God will take care of the rest. He loves a cheerful giver.

Just say I will give. And do it.

\*Liberally borrowed from *I Could. I Might. I Can. I Should. I Will! (Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian)*, by Thom S. Rainer



The Care Committee wishes to encourage the congregation to send a note, a card, or make a phone call to a Home Member to brighten their day, since visitors are not allowed at this time. For a Home Member's contact information, please call either Jane Johnson @ 817-307-9776 or Betsy Kibler @ 817-560-3141.

☺ Thank you for reaching out to our Home Members! The Care Committee



THE F&B COMMITTEE HAS MAILED OUT LETTERS, AS WE BEGIN OUR FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN. THESE LETTERS INCLUDE PLEDGE CARDS AND NUMEROUS OPTIONS TO RETURN YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2021. WE WILL CONCLUDE OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.



**PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER**  
of Tarrant County

*Providing safety and hope since 1984*

**Please help us help others!!**

There are sign ups for sandwich makers for the Presbyterian Night Shelter in the hallway on the

bulletin board with the Flower Calendar.

If you have any questions, please contact

Nancy Aprilant

[nAprilant@charter.net](mailto:nAprilant@charter.net)



**DUE TO THE PANDEMIC THIS YEAR, WE WILL NOT BE DELIVERING POINSETTIAS TO OUR HOME MEMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A PLANT, PLEASE CALL PATRICIA AT THE CHURCH**

**OFFICE 817-732-3388.**

**ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN THROUGH NOVEMBER 10.**

Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

**NO BREAKFAST ON  
NOVEMBER 25**



Poinsettia Order Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

• # of Poinsettias (8") \_\_\_\_\_

• **\$11.00 each** \_\_\_\_\_ (Poinsettia in memo line)

• In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

OR In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

OR In Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_



*Thank  
You*



RPC has received an anonymous donation for landscaping at our new church home. We are very thankful for this gift as we continue to live in our new location.

**THE POINSETTIAS WILL BE READY FOR PICKUP  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020,  
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.**



## Presbyterian Women

NOVEMBER, 2020.

Even in a year as tough as this, we are surrounded by blessings. This is the month Presbyterian Women get an opportunity to bring blessings to many. The “Thank Offering” is one of the special offerings we participate in. Since 1988, this offering has provided \$26 million to nearly 1,700 different projects worldwide. This year fifteen new projects will be funded, two international.

- 1) Democratic Republic of Congo will be able to finish a building project, a place for women to gather and receive leadership training.
- 2) Gidada Theological College in Ethiopia will construct a woman’s dormitory.

Our own Synod of the Sun will receive two grants:

- 1) Stillwater Domestic Violence Services can add additional services to children living in shelters.
- 2) Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center will purchase a truck to pick up and deliver disaster kits from depots in the South. Our youth group visited here several years ago on a mission trip.

Other Synods received grants that would:

- assist older adults and people with disabilities
- provide learning helps and programs for refugee youth
- counseling and training for low income girls
- help rural food pantries deliver needed goods
- support community kitchens for local food production

Circles zooming can send their check (or drop it off) to the office. Please enclose a note to Pier that it is for P.W. Thank Offering.

Circles are meeting in November:

Circle One:	November 10	10:30 a.m.	Zoom	Lesson Three
Circle Two:	November 10	10:30 a.m.	Church	Lesson Two
Circle Three:	November 3	7:00 p.m.	Zoom	Lesson Three

Just Bring It for November — Thank you for your response to Hope Farm. In November, we will once again be stuffing stockings for young people at Presbyterian Children’s Home and Services. You may pick up a stocking at the church office, or you can just donate items or you can donate monies. Most children will be middle school or high school age. Stockings must be returned to church by November 23. A list of possible items will be available.

All Women, Always Welcomed  
BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP



- ♦ We Welcome.
  - ♦ We Witness.
  - ♦ We Work (and play!).
- Putting faith in action is what we do!***

## November “Just Bring It”

November “Just Bring It” will be Christmas morning stockings for children at the Presbyterian Children’s Home and Services, similar to what we prepared last year.

We have been asked to prepare stockings for 25 kids – 4 preschool and the rest middle and high school. They are mostly girls right now, but the population may change by Christmas. Suggested items for the stockings include:

**\*\*Fun colorful face masks \*\*** --special this year!!

Gloves

Socks

Flashlight

Small toy

Small Notebook

Pens/Pencils/Markers

Grooming – toothbrushes, hairbrushes, hair clips, ponytail bands

\$15 Walmart card and \$15 Sonic card

(Please keep Sonic and Walmart cards at the top of your stocking so that PCHS staff can register and track them.)

We have options for participation:

- If you’d like to fill a stocking on your own, you may pick one up at the church office.
- If you’d like to provide any of the items above to help PWR groups fill stockings, you can bring by any of the items and place in the “JBI” bins
- If you’d like to provide funds to buy items as needed, just mark a donation to RPC as “JBI stockings”, and we’ll shop for you. It would also be helpful if you notify Nancy Marchant if you make a donation. ([nlsMarchant@gmail.com](mailto:nlsMarchant@gmail.com), or 817-946-4639)

Stockings must be returned to the church by November 23 so that we can complete filling them and get them to the PCHS.

If there are any items left over after we fill stockings, we will include them in our December JBI for the Presbyterian Night Shelter.



IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OUR NEW RPC HOME, PLEASE CONTACT KATRINA LITTLE (817) 253-7973 OR BETH DUNCAN (817) 739-2661. THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO PICK UP THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE A TOUR. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

The Jam Sessions for November will be on Monday, the 9th and Monday the 30th in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lots of bluegrass, folk, Americana and country music is shared with acoustic (unamplified) instruments. Musicians of all skills are encouraged!





# RPC Youth & Children's News.....

Youth (grades 6th through 12th)

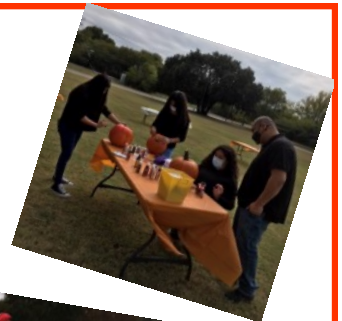
Nov. 1—Meet at church at 12:45 p.m. to ride bus to visit home church members.  
Return 3:00 p.m. to church parking lot for refreshments.

## Ridglea Presbyterian Church CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



November 1-- Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom  
November 8-- Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom  
November 15-- Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom  
November 22 --Sunday school Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 p.m. on Zoom  
November 29 — No Sunday School, Thanksgiving weekend  
ZOOM links are provided by your teacher.

### ***PUMPKIN PATCH—OCTOBER 24***



Ridglea Hills Addition Neighborhood Association has scheduled yoga classes in the RPC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for the following Saturday mornings:

October 31, November 7, and November 14. Everyone is invited.

# ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!***



Mimi Fertig	11	1
Will Stallworth	11	2
Hazel Hargrove	11	3
Gretchen Hughes	11	5
Marji Raunika	11	10
Mickey Stuart	11	10
Cole Dueease	11	11
Jerry Rottler	11	11
Roger Harwerth	11	12
Emily Everts	11	13
Byron Keil	11	13
Tom Aderhold	11	13
Amy Ritz	11	15
Sue Mathis	11	17
Sandra Baither	11	17
Betty Rankin	11	21
Cameron Stewart	11	21
Gregory Gillaspie	11	24
Thylis Chambless	11	24
Ernie Register	11	25
Zander Martin	11	26
Chris Henderson	11	28
Michael Birdwell	11	28
Barbara White	11	29
Jean Hadley	11	30
Mary Beth Sisolak Wagner	11	30



### Service Session Work Group:

Primary task is to provide for the service of the people of God, focusing on the external life of the church.

**1st Monday of the Month** (*as needed*)

**November 2 , 2020**

**Ministry Teams meetings**

- **Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**  
*Marsha West, Chair* (*6:00 p.m.*)

**3rd Wednesday of the Month**

**November 18, 2020**

- **Commitment Focus on Guests**

*Katrina Little, Chair*  
(*as needed*)

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**November 3, 2020**

**Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

- **Care Team: Focus on Members**  
*Betsy Kibler, Chair* (*as needed*)

**2nd Wednesday of the month**

**November 11, 2020**

- **Worship Team: Delaine Godwin , Chair**  
(*as needed*)

### Worship & Nurture Work Group:

Primary task is to provide for the service of the people of God, focusing on the internal life of the church.

**2nd Tuesday of the Month**

**November 10 , 2020**

**Ministry Teams meeting**

- **Christian Education:** *Julie Ritz, Chair*  
(*6:15 pm*)
- **Fellowship Team:** *Bill Long, Chair; Butch Saxton, Vice Chair* (*as needed*)

**3rd Tuesday of the week**

**Session Meeting week**

**Ministry Team meeting**

- **Finance & Budget, Ken Kibler**  
(*5:30 pm*) (*as needed*)

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

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

### Government Session Work Group:

Primary task is to provide support & resources for the church.

**2nd Thursday of the Month**

**November 12, 2020**

**Ministry Teams meeting**

- **Building & Equipment** (*as needed*)  
*George Tischler & John Godwin, Co-Chairs*
- **Personnel** (*as needed*)  
*Blythe Lee, Chair and Julie Ritz*
- **Clerk of Session**  
*Karen Landon*

**Session Meeting**  
**November 19, 2020 7:00 pm**

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76116

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
November 19,  
2020 at noon.