



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 2021



**We will celebrate Communion on  
Sunday, March 7, 2021**



Beginning March 7,  
early morning services  
will be held in the  
parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

February 17, 2021 –  
April 3, 2021



February 17—April 4, 2021



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**You Shall Be Called  
Repairers of the Breach**

— ISAIAH 58

MARCH 28, 2021



HOSANNA TO THE KING OF KINGS | MATTHEW 21:9

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

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85229783003?  
pwd=cjNCaFZGSWFvSWROMXk1WFdWN3Fxdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85229783003?pwd=cjNCaFZGSWFvSWROMXk1WFdWN3Fxdz09)

Meeting ID: 852 2978 3003  
Passcode: 600645

March 7, 2021 10:30 AM  
March 14, 2021 10:30 AM  
March 21, 2021 10:30 AM  
March 28, 2021 10:30 AM

**SESSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021  
7:00 P.M. (ZOOM)**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
MARCH 14, 2021**



MARCH NEWSLETTERS ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Enough Time

I thought about sharing some reflections on the winter storm of mid-February that brought the state of Texas to its knees for the better part of a week – the days of worry and changing plans before the big freeze, and the repercussions of more than 72 hours of single-digit temperatures. Each time I tried, though, the words seemed to fade, and melt, and sound like whispers.

Maybe a month, or a year from now there will have been enough time to put some reflections together, so I'll share some thoughts about the season of Lent instead.

Many of us approach this forty-day season as a time to discard, dispose, or discharge some element of daily living, in order to reconnect our relationship with God. We try to become mindful about particular foods or drinks (such as chocolate or coffee), and as we put aside these "comforts" we pay attention to God's presence.

Others approach this forty-day season as a time to begin, to learn, to concentrate on or hone a skill, in order to reconnect our relationship with God. We try to become mindful about writing in a journal, or deepening a practice of prayer, or completing an exercise routine, and as we take up these practices we pay attention to God's presence.

This time around, though, many of us may be wondering "doesn't that sound like the whole last year?" So many things have stopped, closed, or gone away, while there has also been quite a bit of effort on new forms of schooling, meeting, celebrating, surviving. We have given up restaurants and reunions, hugs and high fives and hanging out. We have baked breads and finished sewing projects and cleaned out closets and tried to slim our hips/abs/chins, except all that baking has.... you know, maybe there is another closet to clean.

The difference between the last eleven-plus months and the forty days of Lent is intentionality and relationship. Lent is a journey to the cross, acknowledging the suffering of Christ and the demands of discipleship. In this journey the intention of laying aside a distraction, or picking up a practice, is to bring focus on our relationship with God. Of course there are some similarities – the intentionality of wearing a mask honors our desire to keep others as healthy as possible, which is a small way of reflecting God's love for us; the demands of creating spaces for learning, worshipping, and working have helped many of us to be more expressive and thankful, and understand that God considers everyone to be essential.

Perhaps the hardships, sacrifices, and adaptations that the pandemic brought to our routines and expectations has sharpened our appreciation of this current season of Lent. Perhaps forty days of focus is a little less daunting in 2021. We definitely know that on April 4<sup>th</sup> this time of penitence and practice will turn the page toward promise and possibility. Thanks be to God!

Peace,

#### RPC Financials as of 01/31/21

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
January:	\$39,638*	\$30,459
Year-to-Date:	\$39,638	\$30,459

\*January Revenues include:

Pledge Giving	\$ 26,734
Non-Pledge Giving	\$ 5,220
Special Gifts	\$ 7,500
Other	\$ 184

*An auspicious beginning for the new year...  
Good works await!*

# 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 2021

Jean Hadley  
Ken Kibler

### Class of 2022

Chris Henderson  
Susan Maxwell

### Class of 2023

Jim Godfrey

## 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 2021

Thylis Chambless

### Class of 2022

Micky Severson

### Class of 2023

Will Stallworth

### Class of 2024

Steve Staples

### Designee

Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie

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### RPC Members' Generosity knows no bounds!



Our January ***Just Bring It*** resulted in a total of 384 books delivered to the children at the Center for Transforming Lives! What a thrill to be able to share our bounty and God's love! Thanks to **Karen Landon** for ordering books with donated funds, and delivering them.



#### ***We are a warming congregation!***

Just two days before the big snow and ice storm we were able to deliver to the Presbyterian Night shelter a dozen beautiful warm hats hand knit by **Helen Luckett**, along with a couple of warm blankets.

Thanks to all for your continued commitment.



**Thanks** to everyone for the cute and cuddly prayer bears for Cook Children's for our **February Just Bring It!** We will be delivering them in a group to the hospital. We will have a final count in next month's newsletter.

***Just Bring It for March*** will be continuing our support for WestAid, the food pantry and services program formed 35 years ago by RPC and other west side churches. With the compounded hardships of the pandemic and the late February ice and snow, many families need help more than ever. We will be collecting **one pound bags** of rice, beans and pasta. Please limit to these smaller bags, as that is what is distributed. Large brown paper grocery bags are also needed for the weekly food distributions. If you have handle bags, just cut off the handles, since the canned goods and dry goods WestAid volunteers pack are too heavy for use of the handles.



WestAid continues to be open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to 1 pm giving a sack of canned fruits, vegetables, soup, meats and produce to anyone in need of food. People experiencing homelessness who do not have access to a kitchen are provided with a sack lunch and drink.



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](mailto:r.rinewalt@att.net).



**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**



**Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Sanctuary**

**Remember Our  
Home Members**



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 RPC Scholarship application has opened for 2021. The application will be open till April 15, 2021. We offer scholarships for all levels from Associates to Doctorates.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6rq\\_BJMP0mohzQu5LG2IcHgFF1iygqef8VO-aPh4OLCr4-Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6rq_BJMP0mohzQu5LG2IcHgFF1iygqef8VO-aPh4OLCr4-Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)



Cowtown Brush Up... Revitalizing Neighborhoods Save the date for April 10th. Ridglea Presbyterian Church will support a team of volunteers to paint the exterior of a home for a person in need for the annual spring Habitat for Humanity Cowtown Brushup. More details to come later.



**Sign up for Covid Vaccine**

<https://tcph.quickbase.com/db/bq3q4uet8?prfry=1>

**The Jam Sessions for March will be on Monday, March 8th and 22nd, 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!**





## Presbyterian Women

MARCH 2021

It may have been freezing outside but in Ridglea sanctuary, hearts were ablaze as nine women gathered to take part in the Great Cookie Caper. Our moderator, Chris Shahan, wanted to thank the many first responders and health care workers in our area who have given so much during this pandemic. She suggested a “cookie” give away. Many bakers and buyers sent in delicious (with testimony from our pastor) goodies which we wrapped individually and packed in ❤ topped boxes.

Then the caravan spread out to deliver their treasures which brought Ooos and Ahhhs and lots of smiles — Thank you all!

Circles will be meet in March :

Circle One:	March 9	10:30 a.m.	Zoom	Lesson seven
Circle Two:	March 9	10:30 a.m.	Zoom with Circle One	
Circle Three:	March 2	6:30 p.m.	Zoom	Lesson seven

We are in our final month of Into the Light, a study of lamentations throughout the Bible. Each lesson offers an opportunity to write a personal or group lament on a particular topic. Last month we were Lamenting Over the City. Here are samples:

“Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us  
 Our water is not safe  
 Our air, thick with soot  
 Your beautiful creation and parks  
     eaten up with houses, apartments, shopping malls  
 We need to protect all the creatures who depend on it

We have failed to look out for one another  
 The joy of our hearts has ceased  
 Our dancing has turned to mourning  
 Help us change our hearts and priorities  
     to preserve your wonderful world  
     to welcome all who inhabit it  
     to have the wisdom and courage to follow your will  
 Restore us to yourself, O Lord  
     that we may be restored.”

In the news:

Retired Rear Admiral Margaret Grun Kibben, a Presbyterian Minister, has been named chaplain (first woman) of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Just Bring It: We will be helping WestAid for March — Some of their needs: one pound sacks of rice, beans, dry pasta, and always a need for large grocery bags.

BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP  
 All Women, Always Welcomed



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





PWR Circles 1 and 2 enjoyed Bible study and fellowship at their February monthly meeting on Zoom. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact the church office for more information.



## PWR Circle 3 February Bible Study: Lament

**Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us.**

Our hearts are heavy for those that are affected by police brutality and murder in our city.

**The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning, our hearts are sick.**

We pray, God, that you would help people, especially new leaders. Give the new police chief wisdom and that God would soften people's hearts.

**Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored.**

**Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us.**

We are suffering and dying due to sickness from COVID-19.

**The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning, our hearts are sick.**

We pray, God, that you would heal people and end the pandemic. Help people recognize what is true.

**Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored.**

**Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us.**

God, there are many who are homeless in our city.

**The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning, our hearts are sick.**

Bring wisdom to those who work with the homeless. Inspire people to get involved in the needs of others.

**Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored.**

# Lenten practices calendar for 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LENTEN PRACTICES</b> <b>CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES 2021</b>						
<b>FEBRUARY 21</b> Read Mark 1:9-15. What does it mean to be tempted and how can we resist our temptations?	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b> [F] Let water be the only beverage you drink today	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b> [P] Pray for the sick	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b> [S] Say something nice about each person in your family	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b> [F] No snacks between meals today	<b>FEBRUARY 26</b> [P] Pray for 10 things you are thankful for	<b>FEBRUARY 27</b> [S] Show gratitude to someone by making and sending a card.
<b>FEBRUARY 28</b> Read Mark 9:2-9. What does it mean for us to listen to the words of Jesus?	<b>MARCH 1</b> [S] Learn to say "thank you" in a language you don't speak and say it to your family	<b>MARCH 2</b> [F] Fast from social media	<b>MARCH 3</b> [P] Pray for teachers and school administrators	<b>MARCH 4</b> [S] Thank a friend for being a good friend	<b>MARCH 5</b> [F] Do not watch any TV or movie	<b>MARCH 6</b> [P] Pray for your extended family (grandparents, cousins)
<b>MARCH 7</b> Read Exodus 20:1-17. What are some of the rules we follow in our house?	<b>MARCH 8</b> [P] Pray for patience	<b>MARCH 9</b> [S] Learn a joke and share it with your family	<b>MARCH 10</b> [F] Go to sleep extra early today	<b>MARCH 11</b> [P] Pray for those who are lonely	<b>MARCH 12</b> [S] Send a video message of love to grandparents or other older adult	<b>MARCH 13</b> [F] Try to eat a vegetarian meal
<b>MARCH 14</b> Read John 3:14-21. In what ways did God share God's love for us?	<b>MARCH 15</b> [S] Show gratitude to making a "Thinking of you" card and send it	<b>MARCH 16</b> [F] Let water be the only beverage you drink today	<b>MARCH 17</b> [P] Pray for your best friend	<b>MARCH 18</b> [S] Call a relative and share a funny joke or sing a song	<b>MARCH 19</b> [F] Eat a very simple meal for dinner	<b>MARCH 20</b> [P] Pray for world leaders
<b>MARCH 21</b> Read Psalm 51:1-12. Search for a song "Create in me a clean heart." Sing the song to memorize the verses.	<b>MARCH 22</b> [F] Try not to complain about anyone or anything today	<b>MARCH 23</b> [P] Pray a prayer of forgiveness	<b>MARCH 24</b> [S] Learn to say "I love you" in a language you don't speak and share it	<b>MARCH 25</b> [F] Do not play with toys that have batteries or plug in	<b>MARCH 26</b> [P] Pray for the children around the world	<b>MARCH 27</b> [S] Pick up litter in your neighborhood
<b>MARCH 28</b> Read John 12:12-16. In what ways did the people celebrate Jesus? How can we join in?	<b>MARCH 29</b> [P] Pray for pastors and missionaries	<b>MARCH 30</b> [S] Thank your teachers for their guidance	<b>MARCH 31</b> [F] Do not listen to music or radio today	<b>APRIL 1</b> [S] Call a relative and tell them you are thinking of them	<b>APRIL 2</b> [P] Walk around the neighborhood and pray for neighbors	<b>APRIL 3</b> [F] Fast/skip 1 meal as a family
<b>APRIL 4 Easter</b> Read John 20:1-18. Blow some bubbles today and thank God for all your blessings as you watch the bubbles float up to the sky						
These activities are based on the "3 pillars" of Lent – Prayer [P], Fasting [F] and Almsgiving/Service [S]. On Sundays, gather as a family, read the scripture lesson and reflect on the question/action. On other days, practice the pillar for the day. All of the activities are suggestions, so modify them for your own family.						



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

## Ridglea Presbyterian Church

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2021 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



March 7 -- 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  
March 14 -- 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  
March 28 -- 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  
**ZOOM links are provided by your teacher.**

### Session Meeting Notes for February 18, 2021

- The Ridglea Presbyterian Church regular stated session meeting took place on Thursday, February 18, 2021, using the Zoom video conferencing application. The Reverend Roger Harwerth moderated the meeting from his RPC office. RPC Clerk Karen Landon took the minutes of the meeting. Members of the Session and guests to the meeting remotely accessed the meeting.
- The minutes of the January 21, 2021 Stated Session meeting, the January 31, 2021 Congregational Meeting, and January 2021 Financial Statement were approved.
- Session received and approved the 2020 Annual Statistical Report, which was submitted to the Office of General Assembly by the Clerk on January 31, 2021. Thanks were given to Ken Kibler and Julie Ritz for their assistance with gathering data for this report.
- The Building & Equipment Committee provided a document showing the first phase of the church landscaping and irrigation layout. Installation is expected after roofing repair is completed sometime in March.
- The Personnel Committee is continuing efforts in the search to fill the position of Director of Youth Ministries.
- Session approved the revised Employee Handbook & Personnel Policies, which were combined into one document.
- It was reported that the RPC Foundation approved the request to use \$25,000 from the Unrestricted Funds account to complete upgrades to the sanctuary organ. These upgrades would be Phase 1 of a proposal estimate from Andy Rose Organ Service.
- Grace Presbytery is hosting a presbyter-wide virtual gathering on March 2, 2021. Congregations do not need to elect delegates to attend. This is a fellowship opportunity for all presbytery members. Registration deadline is at noon on March 1, 2021.  
Registration link: [https:// form.jotform.com/210277542533149](https://form.jotform.com/210277542533149)
- The next stated session meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

## PWR GOODIE BAGS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



### Thank You to the Helpers

It looked like some kind of a huge Valentine workshop. On February 10, several women of the church met to put together packages to deliver to some of our neighborhood front line heroes as a thank you for what they do. Because of the generosity of our congregation, we were able to deliver Valentine cookies and snacks to nine organizations with essential workers who help take care of our community: our favorite Fort Worth police officer, Mary Beth Wagner; four fire stations; one police station; Medstar Healthcare; and to the staffs of two senior living care facilities.

A big thank you to those who participated by providing goodies and labor to make this such a successful event: Lilia Briseno; Thylis Chambless; Jim Cleworth; Beth Duncan; Jane Johnson, Jeanne Owens, Ellie McIntyre, Kit Van Nostrand, Nancy Marchant, and Renee' Stuart.



**Chris Shahan,  
Beth Duncan,  
Linda Wilson,  
Michelle Birdwell,  
Lilia Briseno,  
Thylis Chambless,  
and Lynne Payne**



**Fire Station 23**

**Firehouse 23**



**Mary Beth Wagner  
Daggett Middle School**



**Terri McDonald—PD  
Marquita Drive**

### 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*)

**March 1, 2021**

**Ministry Teams meetings**

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

**3rd Wednesday of the Month**

**March 17, 2021**

- **Commitment Focus on Guests**  
*Katrina Little, Chair*  
(*as needed*)

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**March 2, 2021**

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

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

**1st Wednesday of the month**

**March 3, 2021**

- **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**

**March 9, 2021**

**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 Wednesday of the Month**

**March 10, 2021**

**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**  
**March 18, 2021 7:00 pm**



## March Birthdays

Mandy Godfrey	3	3
Amanda Hand	3	4
Lisa Staples	3	6
Jan Jackson	3	6
Maj. Luckett	3	6
Karen Landon	3	7
Allen Baumgardner	3	10
Marley Dueease	3	11
Pier Crenshaw	3	11
Lily Kate Bacon	3	13
Lynne Payne	3	13
John Sauvey	3	20
Jennifer Stubbenman	3	22
Brenda Harwerth	3	22
Estella Rodriguez	3	23
Glenna Cleworth	3	24
Moira Sills	3	25
Paige Bacon	3	25
Betty Gibson	3	27
Scott Landon	3	28
Susan Maxwell	3	30
Don Ford	3	31
Nicholas Thoni	3	31



The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
March 18, 2021  
at noon.

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