



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October, 2022

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Topic: Ridglea Worship for Oct 2022

Time: Oct 2, 2022 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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**We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion on
Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION**

SEPTEMBER 4—OCTOBER 2, 2022



All Saints Day is November 1, 2022, and will be observed on Sunday, October 30, 2022. If you have a special loved one you would like to be remembered, please fill out the form in the bulletins and place them in the offering plate.

ECLECTIC CAFÉ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Eclectic Café Sunday School class has begun a 6 week series on the study of the book "The Politics of Jesus" by Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.

Zoom code is 661 636 9082

No password required; Attendees will be admitted from the waiting room.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
OCTOBER 20, 2022 At 7:00 P.M.



PASTOR'S NOTES

Just a Moment

When I get to the office in a few minutes, I will finish that one thing, then I will be ready for that other thing. By then it will be about time for lunch, and in the afternoon ... oh, wait, I left lunch in the refrigerator, but with this traffic, there is no way I am going to go back. Well, maybe I can squeeze in a home-and-back lunch if that second thing goes quickly. Okay, that will work, I think, but as I pull into the parking lot, a service truck is waiting, and the first thing just got bumped before I even park. And, I am reminded that one or three things that I almost finished last week really should not wait any longer, so once the service people depart, can I please attend to those? It will only take a few minutes (which is "church speak" for at least an hour).

It is the last week of the month, so there are fewer evening meetings, replaced by end-of-the-month tasks and deadlines that can only be done in these four days (we're closed on Fridays – hallelujah, mostly!)

I think it was one of those mid-Century German theologians who said something like "Fifty percent of ministry is dealing with interruptions." It sounds a little like Karl Barth, or maybe Martin Neimöller, maybe Jürgen Moltmann. I could do an internet search, but that will throw off any hope for getting this, that, and the other thing accomplished (besides, I just spent three minutes trying to figure out how to add umlauts!). Depending on the day, week, or season, fifty percent can be an understatement.

Before this starts to sound like a complaint, it is important to state that ministry – and life in general – would be utterly boring without interruptions and tangents and surprises, in my opinion, and I usually welcome interruptions. In my experience, some days fifty percent of ministry is dealing with interruptions, and fifty percent is praying to be interrupted.

(Five minutes later) Sorry, what was I saying? That was a phone call that could have been returned, except that might have delayed and disrupted other plans. Good talk, though, and taking the call just then – welcoming the interruption – is going to move other tasks along.

One of my colleagues (in a different presbytery) almost never accepted an in-coming call, instead returning the call later in the day. It was not noticeable until the two of us were on a task force together, and about a dozen times over a few weeks I would call, leave a message with the secretary, and my colleague would call back 2-4 hours later (or the next morning) and we would discuss the issue at hand. When we gathered at the presbytery office to pull together a draft report, I made a humorous remark about never getting through when I called; I think I said my colleague must stay busier than a florist in February. My colleague replied that they handled interruptions, like phone calls, every 2 ½ hours, for up to thirty minutes. I laughed out loud at "scheduling interruptions," and the idea that the Holy Spirit would stick to a time clock, and, with a touch of seriousness said that when the call was returned I was the one being interrupted. My colleague remained cordial, but they were not amused.

There are a couple of "Do Not Disturb" signs that occasionally get taped to the office door, for things like writing newsletter articles, or pastoral counseling conversations, though most of the time those signs are tucked out of sight, and folks wander in for "just a moment." I have long treasured the openings, challenges, and changes that the Holy Spirit drops into plans and expectations, and I have come to realize, in nearly thirty-five years of ordination, that all the really important things that were scheduled and interrupted either get accomplished, can be delayed, or were not as important as expected.

This is the place where a cogent, semi-relevant summary sentence would normally reside; a word or three of encouragement and hopefulness, maybe even squeezing the ordinariness of everyday living into a semblance of spirituality. But this article is already late, and those three things that got bumped this morning are bumping back. See you in church!

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

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September 4 - October 2, 2022

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
4th OCTOBER 2022


God of Peace,
we embrace your joy and go forth
to connect with others in building a world
where all can find compassion,
peace and justice.
AMEN.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid council and joins with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.


50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please give what you can.
IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.
Thank you!



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

 MATTHEW 25


Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for
your participation in the
Peace & Global Witness Offering.

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 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission


The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a congregational church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.


WAYS TO GIVE


Through your congregation


Donate by credit card online at
pcusa.org/peace-global


Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444
or visit pcusa.org/peace-global for more information.



Just Bring It - October 2022



Don't Forget to Feed Me!

My cat says this to me every day - first thing in the morning and around 6:00 pm - Don't Forget to Feed Me!

This month's Just Bring It is in support of the Don't Forget to Feed Me Pet Food Bank. They support pet owners during challenging financial times to ensure that they can feed their pet.

What can be donated?

Dry OR Canned dog and cat food – any brand, any variety. Extra-large bags can be broken down and given in Gallon-size Ziploc-style bags marked with the type of food.

Thank you for supporting our hungry furry friends!



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Second Sunday Quarters

PWR's Just Bring It and the Outreach Committee have a new way to be of service to the "least of these." On the second Sunday of the month, you'll find a container in the Narthex where you can drop in your extra quarters. The quarters will go to Westaid for the clients to have cleaning supplies. You know how expensive those are. This is something everyone can do, even young people and kids. Mark your calendar for Oct. 9. That will be our first 2nd Sunday Quarter collection. We thank you in advance.



October, 2022

We launched a year of “Celebrating Sabbath” with a welcoming luncheon after worship. Pastor Roger installed this year’s officers. Katrina Little will take the reins as Moderator this year. During the service, we awarded Chris Shahan an Honorarium for her devoted service — not only for keeping us focused and moving ahead during the Pandemic, but all her loving service since she joined Ridglea. Congratulations, - Chris!

Circle News

All circles have begun our new study, Celebrating Sabbath. The author hopes to give us “a fresh start on the Sabbath” so we can learn how to celebrate.

Circle One:	October 11	at Church (Fish Class)	10:30 a.m.
Circle Two	October 11	at Church (Eclectic Café)	10:30 a.m.
Circle Three	October 4	at Church (Eclectic Café)	6:15 p.m.

Looking Ahead

In November, Presbyterian Women take part in the Thank Offering. In 2017, PWU.S.A. gave a grant to the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. They wanted to erect a polytunnel in its campus garden. In extending the growing season, their garden procedure doubled. This increased their donation to the local food banks and the schools’ food backpack programs. They also conducted nutritional programs for the schools. Several classes incorporated the garden in their curriculum allowing students hands on training. Look for a list of 2022 grants in next month’s Newsletter. Circles will be taking the offering in November.

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BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP

All Women, Always Welcomed



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

Activities are being planned for the Youth for the month of October and more information will be posted when available. Save the Date for a potential outing on October 16, 2022.



Jim Godfrey	10	2
Jim Cleworth	10	4
John Little	10	4
Laura Campbell	10	5
Izaiah Rodriguez	10	6
Allison Cleworth	10	7
Thomas Rodriguez	10	7
Marilyn Curtis	10	12
James Dearman	10	12
Lorane Rea	10	12
Cary Dorman	10	13
Helen Lockett	10	14
Jack Wyatt	10	14
Jeanie Altman	10	15
Sam Thomas	10	16
Steve Baker	10	18
Jean Comer	10	19
Barrett Birdwell	10	24
Sandra Howeth	10	25
Claude Wakefield	10	26
Gary Wayne Shank	10	26
Catherine Cleworth	10	27
Guy Groulx	10	28
Gordon Marchant	10	28
Glenda Long	10	28
Paula Sandford	10	28



REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOODS

Grab a brush and join us!

We have the opportunity to make a positive difference for someone in our community by painting their home on Saturday, October 8th. Many of you have participated in this worthy cause in the past and understand the need for this project while seeing the genuine and thankful smiles from the homeowners that we serve. We plan to paint a home that has already been scraped and primed by Habitat and the City of Fort Worth; we will gather on Saturday, October 8th from 8:00 till noon. All we need to do is paint! Please consider helping RPC's outreach mission in this brief Saturday morning effort for a few short hours. We'll have the address of the home by October 4th and will pass that and other information as soon as we know.



Thank You



Dear Friends,
9-9-2022
My heart is filled with
thankfulness to know my
R.P.C. Family is remembering
My daughter, Nany and me.
Your prayers for her healing
are so welcomed & needed.
Nany has been in Rehab
in Weatherford since June 16.
She continues with her
therapy sessions. The healing
of the amputation is so high
and has been very slow. This
Monday 9-10-22 - The Dr.
coming from the hospital
will determine if she needs
to enter Harris Hospital in Fort
Worth for another procedure.
Nany is very discouraged.

and ~~will~~ ^{will} be home to be in the
home again. I tell her every day
when I talk with her that many
people are praying for her. She
agrees that a long prayer
is what keeps her going.
She has many fond memories
of R.P.C. being there & made
and with the group of youth left
1965-1969.

Your prayers are so
welcome -
My love & thanks to
all of you
Betty Roubin



A very big thank you to Paul & Beth Duncan for taking care of the church's landscape during the month of August. It was hard work with the severe heat and they did a tremendous job. They took great care of the beds and plants and especially the trees.

Many thanks to Angel Rodriguez for watering the plants on the sanctuary steps. With her help, they kept blooming during the extreme heat. It takes a village to take care of God's creations.

The Littles

Ridglea "Foodie" Sunday

Sunday, September 25, was a "Foodie" Sunday for Ridglea!

The congregation enjoyed a spaghetti lunch and fellowship after church. After lunch, our attention focused on outreach to help those who need food.

Ridglea held a Kids Against Hunger meal-packaging event. Kids Against Hunger is a non-profit humanitarian organization which provides fully nutritious food to impoverished people around the world...and around the corner. They provide ready to cook meals that provide a stable nutritional base for people facing starvation or food insecurity.

The food prepared at Ridglea's event is going to an orphanage on the Southern border.

Our Ridglea team enjoyed fellowship, laughter, music (and built up some muscles) while preparing the meals and packing them into boxes. We packaged 52 boxes of food which equals over 11,000 meals!

Thanks to all who participated!

Many thanks to Rev. David Slyter and Seth from Grace First Presbyterian Church of Weatherford for their hard work bringing the supplies, transporting the packaged meals and facilitating our event!



RPC Fellowship Fun

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### LIGHTSCAPE at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Meet at the church and board the bus, which will deliver you to the entrance of the Botanic Garden. Lightscapeticketholders will walk a 1.2 mile-long outdoor path with suspended strands and tunnels of light, a fire garden, undulating wave of bluebonnets, singing trees, treetop sculptures, and artistic installations, while toasting marshmallows over a fire and drinking hot chocolate and other seasonal drinks at stations

along the trail. After your Lightscapeticketholders experience, board the bus for the ride back to the church.

Evenings of Saturday, Dec 10th and Friday, Dec 30th (Two ticket times each evening)

Group Rate Adult Ticket: \$29

(Note: Additional discounts for FW Botanic Garden members and for children's tickets.)

**Reservations and ticket payment due by October 16th.** Contact Beth Duncan to reserve your spot: (817)739-2661 or [BethDuncan08@gmail.com](mailto:BethDuncan08@gmail.com)





Wednesday mornings  
8:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

The men's prayer breakfast has been a vital part of Ridglea's mission and ministry for decades. We enjoy a home-cooked breakfast (just \$4.00) and pray for people and events throughout the world.



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).



We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for the remaining Sundays during the 2022 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.

Remember Our  
Home Members



We are asking for you to send any of our treasured home members a card. Please call Kit Van Nostrand at 281-797-6574 to get names and addresses. Let them know that you are thinking about them.



**Mah Jongg**



While the Benbrook Senior Center is undergoing remodeling, we are also hosting Mah Jongg games at RPC. The invitation is open to all, just come to the church any Thursday at 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Lynne Payne at 915 248-9789 or [lpayne4621@yahoo.com](mailto:lpayne4621@yahoo.com).



Please join us for a Fellowship Luncheon and sing-along on October 23, 2022, immediately following the Sunday Worship Service.



**PER RIDGLEA SESSION, MARCH, 2022**  
**MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE WORN IN RPC BUILDING**  
**DURING ALL EVENTS.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MASKS.**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

THE 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL DATES, OCCASIONS OR LOVED ONES YOU WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.



### RPC 2023 NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



#### NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee asks the congregation to please submit ideas of who you would like to see in leadership positions for the upcoming terms. If you have suggestions, please fill out the form located in the Sunday bulletins, and drop in the offering plate. Deadline is November 6, 2022.

### Matthew 25 Book Club

Come join the Matthew 25 Study Group as we read and study books designed to open our minds and hearts regarding the three prongs of Matthew 25:

Building Congregational Vitality  
Working on Dismantling Structural Racism  
Working on Eradicating Systemic Poverty

Many of the books will be written by persons of color. Often these are voices we don't have as many opportunities to hear. Some will be fiction and others will be non-fiction. The first Book Club gathering is Tuesday, October 25th. All are welcome. We'll eat first so please bring a sack supper. If you need child care, let us know by Oct. 16. We'll discuss the fiction book *WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING* by Alyssa Cole. This book is described as a thriller, but it's mild by many standards. If you would like to buy a print copy of this book, please contact Thylis Chambless. We've ordered copies from The Dock, a black owned bookstore. The cost is \$10. If you prefer to get an e-book you can order from whichever venue you prefer. On Amazon, the book costs \$6.99. We'd love for you to read it before we meet on October 25 but know that might not be possible, so don't let that keep you from signing up on the form that will be in the Narthex.

We hope many of you will join us 6 pm for supper with the book study beginning at 6:30. We will finish by 8 pm.

### Save the Date

Join some of us from the Matthew 25 Study Group for a trip to Jubilee Theatre to see a production of "Plenty of Time" at 3 pm on Saturday, Oct. 22. Tickets are \$32 + \$3 if using a credit card. More info to follow.



The Jam Sessions for October will be on Monday, the 10th and the 24th 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!

**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!**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**  
**October 4, 2022 10:00 a.m.**  
**Board of Deacons: Focus on Members**  
**Kit Van Nostrand, Moderator**

**2nd Tuesday of the Month**  
**October 11, 2022 6:15 p.m.**  
**Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing**  
**Susan Everts, Chair**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**  
**October 4, 2022 7:00 p.m. & Zoom**  
**Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings**  
**Gayle Johnson, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**October 12, 2022 5:00 p.m.**  
**Commitment Team: Focus on Guests**  
**Mike Strange, Chair**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**  
**October 5, 2022 5:30 p.m.**  
**Worship Team:**  
**Focus on Sunday & Special Services**  
**Durinda Walker, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**October 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.**  
**Building & Equipment :**  
**Focus on Physical Structures**  
**Dale Wagner, Chair**

**1st Thursday of the Month**  
**October 6, 2022 6:00 p.m.**  
**Personnel: Focus on Staff Support**  
**Nick Thoni, 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**  
**October 11, 2022 6:00 p.m.**  
**Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**  
**Marji Raunika, Chair**

**3rd Thursday of the Month**  
**October 20, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom**  
**Session Meeting**  
**Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator**

**Clerk of Session**





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newsletter  
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October 20,  
2022 at noon.