



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting (US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship for November 2022

Time: Nov. 6, 2022 10:30 AM Central Time
(US and Canada)

Every week on Sunday, until Nov. 27, 2022,
4 occurrence(s)

Nov. 6, 2022 10:30 AM

Nov. 13, 2022 10:30 AM

Nov. 20, 2022 10:30 AM

Nov. 27, 2022 10:30 AM

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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.



**We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion on
Sunday, November 6, 2022**



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 27, 2022



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2022



Daylight Savings time ends
November 6, 2022 at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to change your
clocks.

SESSION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
NOVEMBER 17, 2022 At 7:00 P.M.



PASTOR'S NOTES

Moving Along

When we bought our house about eighteen months ago, the neighborhood had been established for at least a couple of decades. The western edge of Fort Worth is still quite a few miles, and many hundreds of houses beyond us, but there is also quite a bit of undeveloped land within spitting distance – what used to be called pasture. But there is less undeveloped land in the short time we've been in our home. One of the roads was diverted for more than nine months as land went from green pasture to barren soil to a conglomeration of retaining walls and terraces for more houses; at one point three out of four corners of a four-way intersection were thick with earth-moving machinery, stone work, and culvert installation.

The largest parcel ("The Highlands" – sounds picturesque, doesn't it?) now has houses going up, and they are jumping out of the ground. Less than two months ago there were only a dozen or so, but there are now close to a hundred, and the space is not even halfway finished. Brenda and I drove through the burgeoning construction on a Sunday afternoon recently, and one of the things that was quickly evident was just how close the houses are to each other. There is room to ride a bicycle between the houses (careful of those retaining walls!) but not a whole lot more, it seems. Where we are, in our "established" suburb, a couple of pick-up trucks would fit between most houses, and maybe even room to open the doors without hitting anything. Each day as I drive past the Highlands I find myself just a little puzzled that anyone would want to build or buy a house so closely packed.

I understand that developers want to maximize their margins, and that means putting as many units as possible in limited space; if they can build ten houses where they used to only build eight, that's two more units of profit, and two more families that have access to such homes. After further puzzlement and pondering housing proximity, it occurred to me that people who grew up in apartments – just a wall away from their neighbors – may appreciate the closeness and proximity of houses that are just an arm's length away. When, and where, and how we each grew up and created memories will mean that our perspectives are different when it comes to issues like housing and land development and even what it means to be a neighbor. Just because I might prefer houses to be spaced apart in a certain manner doesn't mean that's the only way to do things. A single perspective or desire is not the only, or most important viewpoint.

As all of this development and construction has been going on, a group of folks here at RPC have been exploring and contemplating what it might mean to live into the extended parable from the 25th chapter of the gospel of Matthew, with its ending that "as often as you did it for the least of these, you did it to [Jesus]." We are exploring the possibilities and challenges of addressing congregational vitality, systemic poverty, and structural racism, and continue to wrestle with the messages of this parable and our calls to discipleship. One of the many lessons we are learning together is that our varied backgrounds and experiences lead us to numerous perspectives and expectations, along with hopes and fears. For instance, in my experiences of growing up in the suburbs of Overland Park, Kansas in the 1960's and 70's there were Blacks and Hispanics and Asians in the schools I attended from grade school to high school (and beyond) and we all seemed to get along alright, so why should I be lumped into a category of "structural racism"?

The question itself hints at both perspective and bias. The perspective is limited because it overlooks economic structures and relies on the view of one person (me) and it is biased because it presumes that minorities were "allowed" into limited spaces with the expectation of getting along, fitting in with the norms of white middle-class suburbia. Speaking from my perspective and memory does not excuse the system in which others were expected to conform to the white majority.

There is still a lot to explore, and learn, and perhaps even change. Let's do it together, for one another, and for "the least of these" who are still struggling.

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 2023

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Nick Thoni

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Dale Wagner

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Lynne Payne - Moderator
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CIRCLE 2



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CIRCLE 3



CHRIS SHAHAN—2022 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD WINNER

On September 18, Chris Shahan was presented with the 2022 Lifetime Membership Award from PWR. Chris has been active both in our church and in the community. She has taught Sunday school to our kindergarteners and to our middle school students and has taught the Eclectic Café class when needed. She has served as chair of the Board of Deacons and while on Session served as worship chair.

In addition she was chair of our 70th and 75th birthday celebrations.

She also was a member of the relocation committee and all that entailed as well as being co-chair of Dinner for Eight.

She has served as moderator of PWR for the past two years. In this role she kept us together via Zoom during the pandemic. She served as coordinator of the Hymnal Angels project, which brought smiles and happiness to the recipients of these beautiful creations.

Being aware that we at Ridglea needed to join the dialogue in racial equity, she organized multiple sessions called IN BLACK AND WHITE. As a good teacher she recruited Nancy Marchant and Marsha West to help lead the discussions.

In the community she has been a docent at the Cowgirl Museum for the last fifteen years.

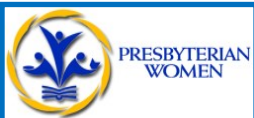
Through the outreach program of her Women's Club work, she brought us the JUST BRING IT project of bringing books and supplies to the Center for Transforming Lives and books for True Worth, the Presbyterian Night Shelter's day resource center for the homeless.

She also delivers meals for Meals on Wheels monthly.

We are very thankful for the leadership of Chris Shahan.

NOVEMBER "JUST BRING IT"

Christmas Stockings for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS).





November, 2022
BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP
All Women, Always Welcomed

One hundred twenty five years ago, the Presbyterian Women's group sent an offering to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The "Thank Offering" was born. Since then almost \$27 million has been granted to projects in the U.S. and around the world. This year ten projects won funding.

Here's a sample:

International

- 1) Haiti: Village Partners and Mombin Crochu Hospital to address chronic malnutrition.
- 2) Labanon: National Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Rabiech to help people with disabilities.

National

Right here in our own Synod of the Sun, a grant goes to C.A.M.P. University in McAllen to help provide opportunities for special needs adults to develop skills for greater independence. C.A.M.P. stands for "Can Achieve their Maximum Potential".

Other grants in Talladega, Alabama and Raleigh, North Carolina help with accessible, affordable housing. More housing concerns will be addressed in Maumee, Ohio, and Tornado Survivors' Pathway to Homeownership.

Thank Offering will be taken in the circles in November or can be dropped off at the church office.

Circles: Continue to study "Celebrating the Sabbath"

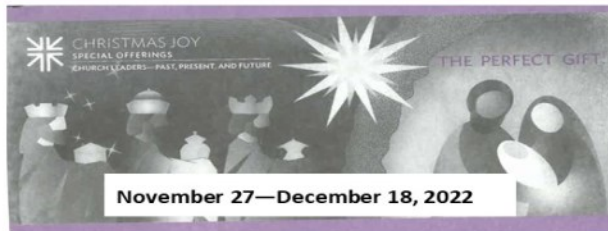
One	November 8	At church (Fish Class)	10:30 a.m.
Two	November 8	At church (Eclectic Class)	10:30 a.m.
Three	November 1	At church (Eclectic Class)	6:15 p.m.

Retreat News

If you would like to serve on the committee planning the Spring Retreat 2023, contact Katrina Little. Many hands make light work.. Our speaker will be Reverend Jennifer Hayes. She filled the pulpit a few Sundays ago. We are so happy to have her.

Just Bring It: November, 2022— Christmas Stockings for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS).





CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



The Christmas Joy 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 connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they 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/christmasjoy



Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999 to give or visit pcusa.org/christmasjoy



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

And the Word became flesh and lived among us...

— JOHN 1:14



When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%

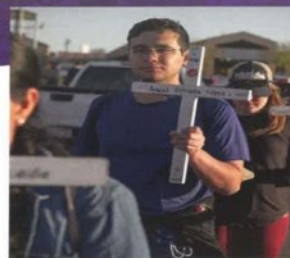
of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.



Rev. Sunjae Jung was living in Korea with his family when he was called to serve the Athens Korean Presbyterian Church near Atlanta. Shortly after the family arrived, COVID struck, leading to a severe financial impact on both his congregation and his family. The family found itself struggling to make ends meet. They applied for and received an Emergency Grant split evenly between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and the Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

"I truly believe these programs have met Rev. Jung at a time of real need, and I'm hopeful good momentum is on his horizon so he can continue to lend his gifts towards ministry."

— Lucas McCool, Assistance Program Operations Manager, PC(USA) Board of Pensions



50%

of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Samual Polanco credits his experience at the Menaul School as being instrumental in breaking down life's many barriers. That Jesus broke down dividing walls and welcomed everyone is very much a reality on the Menaul campus, especially during mission week. Samuel and his classmates spent five days on the U.S.-Mexico border with the goal of building understanding and relationships.

"We teach that faith is to be lived out in the world. Because so many young people today see the church as building walls to isolate and separate, we at Menaul are all about opening doors to the richness of God's creation."

— John Sitler, Teacher, Menaul School

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



All Saints Sunday was observed
on October 30, 2022



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

Betty Boone	Carolyn Hazel
Jean Brandt	Carolyn Larance
Bob Brennand	Bill Morris
Joyce Capper	Melva O'Neal
Betty Ford	Nancy Ritts
Betty Gibson	Mike Strange

And those named in our hearts:

Geoffrey Andrews	Susan Maxwell
Kathy Bales	Kathryn McCarville
Robert Baylor	Alice Miller
Marie Baylor	Winniford Morton
Oscar Briseno	The Neville Family
John & Kitty Campbell	(Katharine, Ed, Sr. Ed, Jr., Alan
Jody Claunch	Pete Nicol
Pier Crenshaw	Ives & Jesus Ochoa
Buddy Guly	Ron Patterson
Garrett Guly, Jr.	Hundley Rankin
Reverend James Guthrie	Trinidad Rodriguez
George & Jacque Hatt	John Stenger
Mark Alan Hawkins	Chuck & Armeen Stone
Patsy Daly Inglis	Chris Supron
Phillip Jeffers	Nicholas & Stephanie Supron
Marjorie Jones	Opal Trammell
Howard Kane	Bill VanOosterhout
Papaw Carl Kissian	Robert White
Dallas & Anna Lee Little	Joshua Young
Mary Little	

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



JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON ON
NOVEMBER 13 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
WORSHIP SERVICE.
WE WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATING THOMAS
RODRIGUEZ'S RETIREMENT AND HIS 20+
YEARS OF SERVICE TO RPC.

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

"A hike at the Fort Worth Nature Center is planned for November.
Details to follow."

RPC 2023 NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



NOMINATIONS

The Nomination Committee asks the congregation to please submit ideas of who you would like to see in leadership positions for the upcoming terms. Please see the form in the Narthex. If you have suggestions, please fill out the form and drop in the offering plate. Deadline to submit is Sunday, November 10.

HAPPY 99 YEARS YOUNG TO HELEN LUCKETT OUR "SUNSHINE"





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.



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.



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.

Thank You

Dear Saints,

On behalf of Hope Farm, I want to say thank you very much for your generous donation of breakfast bars. We provide our young boys with breakfast bars and a hardy snack each day during camp. Our Summer Camp this year was held at our main campus in the Morningside area. May God richly bless the hands of your work!!

Sincerely,

Sacher Dawson, Executive Director
Hope Farm

(Please excuse the over-sight and delay in relaying this message as it was received in July).



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.

Thank You

Just a word of thank you to everyone for allowing me to be part of the staff all these years. And a big thank you to Pastor Roger and the Personnel Committee. I will still be here for church. God Bless Everyone.

Thomas Rodriguez

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.



The Jam Sessions for November will be on Monday, the 7th and the 21st 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
November 1, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Kit Van Nostrand, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
November 8, 2022 6:15 p.m.
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month
November 9, 2022 5:00 p.m.
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests

1st Wednesday of the Month
November 2, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Durinda Walker, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
November 9, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
Dale Wagner, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
November 3, 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
November 8, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunika, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
November 17, 2022
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon

November, 2022 Birth- days



Will Stallworth	11	2
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
Sandra Baither	11	17
Betty Rankin	11	21
Cameron Stewart	11	21
Thylis Chambless	11	24
Ernie Register	11	25
Zander Man	11	26
Chris Henderson	11	28
Barbara White	11	29
Jean Hadley	11	30
Mary Beth Sisolak Wagner	11	30

The next
newsletter
deadline
will be
November 17,
2022 at noon.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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