



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August, 2023



SCAN TO VIEW  
WEBSITE

**Join Zoom Meeting** (US and Canada)  
Topic: Ridglea Worship Service  
Time: 10:30 AM Central Time  
Every week on Sunday, until July 21, 2024  
60 occurrence(s)

Join [Zoom](#) Meeting

Meeting ID: 875 7535 3065  
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We will celebrate the  
sacrament of Communion on  
Sunday, August 6, 2023



**RALLY DAY, AUGUST 13, 2023**

**9:15—10:15 A.M.**

**MEET IN GATHERING ROOM**

## ECLECTIC CAFÉ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Eclectic Café Sunday School  
Zoom code is 661 636 9082.  
No password required; Attendees will be  
admitted from the waiting room.

SESSION MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
AUGUST 17, 2023 At 7:00 P.M.

AUGUST NEWSLETTERS  
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

## Mission/Vision Statement adapted by the Session of Ridglea Presbyterian Church March, 2023

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.



## PASTOR'S NOTES

### Bless You

Has this ever happened – driving to a place where everything is different, and when dinner time comes, all the familiar places are an hour or two behind? That happened to me recently, and when finally pulling off the highway, there were only a few options to choose from, and the closest one just happened to be a never-been-tried fast food chicken establishment. When the drive-up window voice asked, just 2 seconds later, “How may we help you?” there were about 97 options on the screen. “Well, I’ll have a grilled chicken sandwich, please, and iced tea; I don’t know which combo that is, sorry.”

Usually the order is repeated back to the customer, but instead, this time there was only silence. In those long, quiet moments, it became clear that every option on the screen was a variation of chicken strips and sides, without a sandwich to be found. No wonder there was silence – those chicken specialists on the other side of the screen were likely stunned by the concept of unbreaded meat between a bun, toasted or otherwise.

Recovering quickly, I apologized to the screen – again – and confessed that this was my first visit, and how about combo #6, a simple 3-strip basket with a roll, please? Relief and thanks poured out of the window voice, with a small chuckle, and I pulled forward, paying for and then receiving my meal.

Since this was a new experience, and being unsure how the various elements of chicken strips, fries, and a biscuit might be arranged, after a couple of moments and a couple of blocks I pulled over, parked, and opened the box. Inside, on top of everything, was a hand-written note: “Thank you for making your first visit to Chicken Express here with us in Gilmer, TX. In appreciation, we have added extra chicken fingers. Bless you.” There was so much chicken, plus an over-abundance of fries, plus an extra biscuit – it was so amazing, and so delicious!

I sat for a few moments, nearly stunned by such a small act of kindness, toward an absolute stranger, for no reason other than being present.

This is what grace looks like, in a simple, unexpected, personal way: a moment of kindness, and the receipt of blessings, unbidden, unwarranted, unexpected.

Often, we spend so much time talking about the theology of God-given grace that we overlook how and when and why it happens to us in our everyday lives. But God’s grace is all around us.

God’s grace is all around us. Let’s share.

Peace,

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# 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		
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Susan Everts	Mary Fisher	Beth Duncan
Jean Hadley	John Little	Shiryl Gillaspie
Marji Raunikar	Mick Stuart	George Tischler
Mary Beth Wagner	Durinda Walker	Reeve Van Nostrand
<i>Clerk of Session: Karen Landon</i>		

RPC TRUSTEES		
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Jim Godfrey	Tom Sisolak	

2022-2023 RPC DEACONS
Lynne Payne - Moderator
Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator
Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator
Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinator
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator
Jo VanOosterhout
Glenna Cleworth

RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Designee</u>
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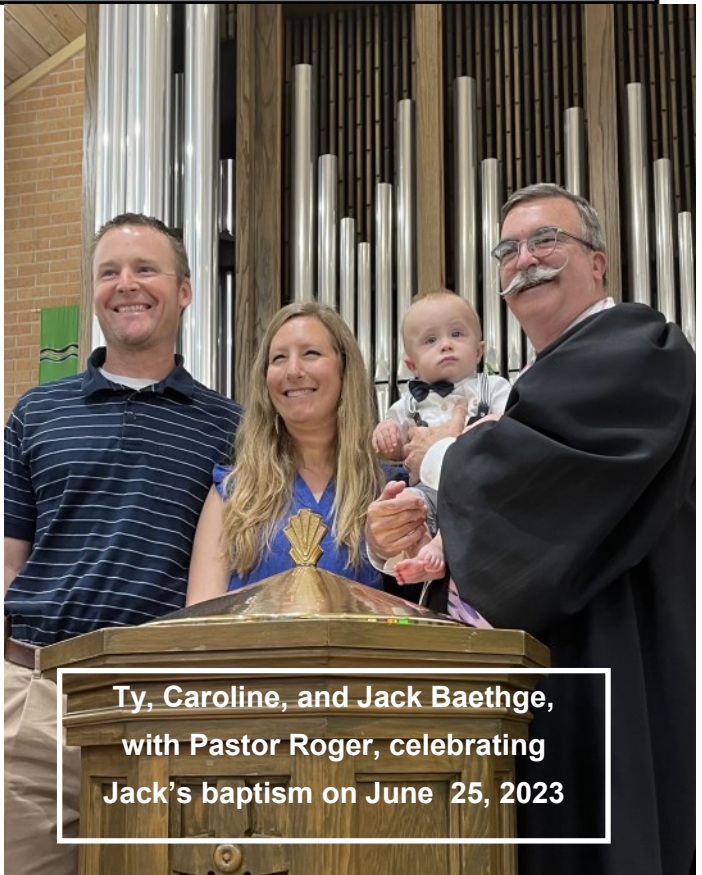




ORDINATION OF NEW ELDER AND OFFICER,  
SHIRYL THOMPSON GILLASPIE  
AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS,  
BETH DUNCAN, GEORGE TISCHLER AND  
REEVE VAN NOSTRAND



Clerk of Session Karen Landon, Ryan Keating & daughter Lauren, Mindy Keating & daughter Mila, Pastor Roger Harwerth, celebrating Mila's baptism on May 21, 2023.



Ty, Caroline, and Jack Baethge, with Pastor Roger, celebrating Jack's baptism on June 25, 2023





**COME JOIN US!**

**August 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner With Friends (previously Dinner for 8)  
(1st Saturday of the month)**

Gather in groups of 6 to 8 or more to enjoy a meal and fellowship at the host's home or a local restaurant. The Fellowship Committee will coordinate registration and organizing the Friends Groups. Groups will differ from month to month.

We coordinate groups that meet for lunch as well as dinner. You may now indicate if you would like to participate in a lunchtime option.

Please consider being a host:

If you agree to host in your home, you decide what entree you would like to serve and ask the assigned members of your Friends Group to bring side dishes to complement the meal.

If you agree to host in a restaurant, simply make a reservation at the restaurant of your choice. Then notify the members of your assigned Friends Group of the restaurant and reservation time. Dinner in a restaurant will be dutch treat.

**Please remember, if you attended or hosted, send pictures to the church office for the Newsletter.**

## Dinner With Friends June 3, 2023



L to R: Marsha and Bob West, Chris Shahan, Beth and Paul Duncan, Betsy and Ken Kibler, Jean and Jim Godfrey

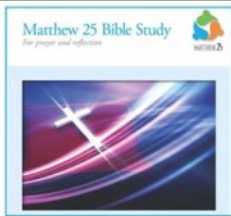
## DINNER/LUNCH WITH FRIENDS JULY 1, 2023



L to R: Marsha West, Betsy Kibler, Ken Kibler and Bob West. Not pictured Ron and Linda Launder, Jerry and Kaki Rottler.



L to R: Gleda Griffin, Brenda and Roger Harwerth, Jim and Jean Godfrey, Jo VanOosterhout, Thylis Chambless (host), and Linda Hart.



## Matthew 25 Action Team Attends Forum on Homelessness

We had a large turnout for the Fort Worth City Council sponsored forum June 26 on Homelessness. It was good to realize there is such a large coalition of agencies working on this issue. Over and over we heard people say the goal is to get people into homes. The other thing we heard was surprising. All the speakers urged us not to give money to panhandlers. They said the money was better spent going to agencies who were working to get people off the streets and into homes. That was hard for some of us to hear. They also suggested calling the police or your MPO to report an issue of someone always being on a corner. The phone calls get recorded and provide stats, so the City knows better where to provide resources.



L - R Michael Crain, City Councilperson; Chief Aldrich with the police, The person over the county wider Homeless Coalition, The FW Staff person who deals with the issue, Jim Davis, the Fire Chief; and Debbie Raveley, the head of Presbyterian Night Shelter.

Several of us have been attending luncheon meetings provided by the Day Resource Center (DRC) and we'll continue to learn about this important issue.

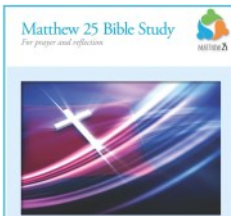
Besides the learning opportunities, another way RPC through the Matthew 25 Action Team is involved in this issue is our work at Quail Trail Apartments. Tuesday several of us attended to help celebrate the birthdays of a couple of the residents. We provided Birthday cake for all the residents and Birthday Cards and \$25 Walmart Gift card to three residents with June Birthdays: Walter, Torrance, and Esparanza.



All this through the generosity of the members of RPC. We will go once a month to celebrate birthdays. If you'd like to be involved in this activity, please contact Lynne Payne or Marsha West.

Remember, our study of DO THE WORK: AN ANTIRACIST ACTIVITY BOOK continues on July 10 at 6 pm for supper and discussion.

Matthew 25 Action Team



## Matthew-25 - Summer Book Club

Continuing on Monday July 10, the Matthew-25 Book Club resumed a 9-week session as we work through the **Do the Work: An Anti-Racist Activity Book**, by W. Kamal Bell & Kate Schatz.

We will continue meeting at 6 for a sack supper and begin the discussion and activities at 6:30. You will need to bring the book with you, and you can get it on Amazon or order it from any bookstore. We will try to be finished around 8, but the ending time will be more flexible as we work through all the activities in the book, but never past 8:30.

Please put these dates on your calendar:  
The last three sessions will be Monday August 7, 14, and 21.  
This study is open to everyone. Even if you can't make them all, we hope you will join us.

Matthew 25 Action Team



On the first and second Sunday of each

month, beautiful note cards will be available for RPC members to send to our "at home" members. Following worship service, these cards will be in white baskets in the Narthex on a first come basis.

**August 20, 2023**  
**Fellowship Luncheon**





On a warm July day, a dozen ladies from PW met to learn how to make bead necklaces. Brenda Harwerth used her talents to show us how to curl and string beautiful paper beads.

Thank you, Brenda!!

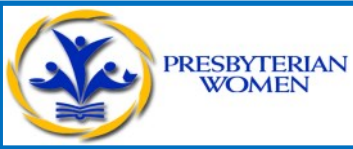


## JUNE, 2023 RPC FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



## JULY, 2023 RPC FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON





August, 2023

Summer: a great time to step – back, rest, re-evaluate and best of all, have FUN! About a dozen of us had a lot of fun at Ruth Ann Rinewalt's card making workshop. She brought tons of beautiful paper and stick-on and 3-D creations. We cut and pasted and ink stamped (my favorite) uplifting messages to send to Ridglea members and friends this year. Talking and laughing; sharing together was a wonderful time of fellowship. Thank you, Ruth Ann.

Circles also met for fellowship this summer. We begin our new year in September with the bible study, Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir. It is a study of people in Luke-Acts whose life was changed after meeting Jesus.

You are invited to "meet the author" at a workshop:

Where: First Presbyterian Church—Penn Street

When: August 22, 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon

It is free if you just come to hear the speaker.

If you stay for lunch, the cost is \$8.00; pay at the door.

You need a reservation by August 11. Just call your circle leader before then and she will register you. You may call direct if you want: First Presbyterian at 817-335-1231 or [FPCFW.org/PW](http://FPCFW.org/PW)

**SAVE THE DATE:** September 17: Gifts of Women Sunday

September 19: We are invited to join St. Stephens and Westminster PW's at Westminster to hear a speaker from "The Net". It is an organization that visits jails to help rehabilitate women back into society. More information in the next Newsletter.

Just Bring It: August, 2023. Uniforms are needed for Luella Merrett Elementary School—pants, tops, socks.

All Women, Always Welcomed  
BIBLE STUDY - MISSION - FELLOWSHIP



### PWR - JUST BRING IT - AUGUST, 2023



For the month of August, RPC "Just Bring It" will be assisting Luella Merrett Elementary School with uniforms for students, including jackets for the winter months. The Principal, Ms. Aura Angel, will provide size ranges needed.



THE 2024 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.

### 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 in providing laundry services and supplies to those in need.







Wednesday mornings  
8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

The men's prayer breakfast will not be meeting during the summer. They will resume on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall



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 Sundays during the 2023 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>



**The Jam Sessions will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month 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!**

## Welcome New Member Burt Chance



We are so excited to have Burt Chance as a new member! He started coming to RPC in 2018. He said he kept thinking about coming to RPC and when we moved to the church in River Oaks, it was his neighborhood, so he ran out of excuses on why not to come. I think we are lucky he ran out of excuses.

He is married to Carolyn and just celebrated their 20-year anniversary in April. She was a "package" deal and brought 3 children to the marriage. Ricky 48, Shelly 45 and Michael 35. He has 10 brothers and sisters and is a twin. He says they are not identical because he is the good looking one.

His hobby is pretty much doing anything Carolyn asks him to do and I know he must do it with a loving heart. Favorite book is "Everything I need to know I learned in Kindergarten".

Burt works running a rotary die cutter and has been with the company for the past seven years. Before that his career was in the printing business.

Burt is funny, dependable, dry witted and a faithful member. I think we got the "chance" in a million to have him join RPC.



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

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Info:
August Fellowship Lunch	Sunday, Aug 20th	Wednesday, Aug 16th	The Fellowship Committee will provide the meal this month. We are expecting the Texas heat to continue through August so the Committee decided a menu of deli sandwiches, cool fruit, and ice cold tea would be appropriate. Please join us for lunch in the air conditioning!
September Dinner with Friends	Saturday, Sept 9th	Sunday, Sept 3rd	<b>NOTE: Dinner with Friends has moved to the second Saturday in Sept</b> due to the first Saturday falling in a holiday weekend. Dinner or Lunch groups are available.
September Fellowship Lunch	Sunday, Sept 17th	Wednesday, Sept 13th	September 17th is Gifts of Women Sunday. PWR and the Fellowship Committee will co-host the Lunch. All are welcome.

**Mark your calendars for events coming soon:**

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

Event:	Date:
October Dinner with Friends	Saturday, October 1st



**BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS  
DURING WORSHIP SERVICE ON  
AUGUST 13, 2023**





**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**  
**August 13, 2023 11:45 a.m.**  
**Board of Deacons: Focus on Members**  
**Lynne Payne, Moderator**

**2nd Tuesday of the Month**  
**August 8, 2023 6:15 p.m.**  
**Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing**  
**Susan Everts, Chair**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**  
**August 1, 2023 7:00 p.m. & Zoom**  
**Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings**  
**Beth Duncan, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**August 9, 2023 5:30 p.m.**  
**Commitment Team: Focus on Guests**  
**Mary Fisher, Chair**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**  
**August 2, 2023 5:30 p.m.**  
**Worship Team:**  
**Focus on Sunday & Special Services**  
**Durinda Walker, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**August 9, 2023 6:30 p.m.**  
**Building & Equipment :**  
**Focus on Physical Structures**  
**George Tischler, Chair**

**1st Thursday of the Month**  
**August 3, 2023 6:00 p.m.**  
**Personnel: Focus on Staff Support**  
**George Tischler, 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**  
**August 8, 2023 6:00 p.m.**  
**Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**  
**Marji Raunika, Chair**

**3rd Thursday of the Month**  
**August 17, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom**  
**Session Meeting**  
**Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator**

**Nominations Committee:**  
**John Little, Chair**  
**Beth Duncan, Vice Chair**

**Clerk of Session**  
**Karen Landon**



## August, 2023 Birthdays

Edward Good	8	4
John Haenes	8	5
Mary Ann Guly	8	10
Bob West	8	13
Daniel Duncan	8	15
Aspen Cleworth	8	21
Hayden Haenes	8	23
Clay Roberts	8	25
Sarah Wagner	8	30

The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
August 18, 2023  
at noon.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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