



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October, 2023

## Join Zoom Meeting (US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship Service

Time: 10:30 AM Central Time

Every week on Sun, until Jul 21, 2024

60 occurrence(s)

October 1 10:30 a.m.

October 8 10:30 a.m.

October 15 10:30 a.m.

October 22 10:30 a.m.

October 29 10:30 a.m.

Join [Zoom](#) Meeting

Meeting ID: 875 7535 3065

Passcode: 818178



**We will celebrate the  
sacrament of Communion on  
Sunday, October 1, 2023**

## 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.

Lesson: The EC is studying the book by  
Kathleen Norris entitled "Amazing Grace: A  
Vocabulary of Faith". The class selected the  
words they were most interested in discussing  
out of the 62 words the author has written.

## Mission/Vision statement

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.

SESSION MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
OCTOBER 19, 2023 At 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTERS  
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



# PASTOR'S NOTES

## Telling the Truth

On their first visit, they all sat on the back pew. The pastor spotted them during the first hymn: Mom and Dad, and four children, from toddler to maybe fourth grade. Oops, wait, there was child number five, in a baby carrier. They visited again, a few weeks later, and Josh, the dad, asked if he could stop by and visit the pastor, which was easy to arrange.

There was a bit of small talk in the pastor's office, before Josh began to talk about his background and appreciation of reformed theology, and he and his wife's participation in an OPC congregation for the last handful of years (that's the Orthodox Presbyterian Church), which worshipped about forty-five minutes down the road, and that they – Josh and his wife – were hoping to find a Presbyterian congregation closer to home, since getting five kids wrangled and organized was becoming a bit much; they were hoping that First Presbyterian had a good foundation with Calvinist theology. Josh added that there were three other families who were commuting to the OPC congregation down the road, and all of them were looking for a change, mostly because the OPC congregation had a fifty-something pastor that would probably stay for another fifteen years, and Josh and the other parents weren't too sure if that pastor had enough energy or really even enough understanding of Calvinist, reformed theology. With a small pause for emphasis Josh remarked that altogether, he and these other families represented eight adults and at least twenty children; "at least twenty" because some of the wives were still having babies. So pastor, Josh asked, how does First Presbyterian exhibit, and live out Calvinist, reformed theology??

As Josh was asking about reformed theology, the pastor's mind was racing and skittering wildly – four families and twenty-plus children – is this a dream? What reformed, Calvinist buzz-words could the pastor remember to get these families to stop commuting forty-five minutes and show up here every week? Irresistible grace, limited atonement, unconditional election, that's a good start; Orthodox Presbyterian Church, they splintered off the southern stream in the 1920's, or was it the north in the 1850's? The pastor's mind is racing around this windfall opportunity: four families!! Twenty children!! Silently, the pastor prays, "help me, God, to speak truth." So, the pastor leans in to truth.

The pastor asks if Josh might have noticed, near the entrance, the photos of people who had gone into ministry from the congregation? There were seven so far, a couple of them had been foreign missionary workers – had Josh seen those pictures? Two are young women, well, almost middle-aged now, each serving congregations a couple of states away. And, this past Sunday, the pastor noticed that Josh and his spouse were visiting with the couple in front of them, but did Josh know that the woman was currently on the session and was the chairperson for the stewardship committee? The pastor said a few more things about the importance of reformed theology, about bringing some of the strengths of John Calvin's 16<sup>th</sup> Century theology into the new millennium while also realizing that the representative nature of the PC(USA) – one of those Calvinist strengths – meant that the Holy Spirit continues to challenge Presbyterians to celebrate all the gifts of ministry and leadership with which God blesses women and men.

The pastor was letting Josh know, gently, subtly, honestly, that the congregation, and the pastor, was part of a long, biblical, reformed, albeit bumpy tradition of women sharing in leadership and discipleship; if Josh and the families of which he spoke would like to be a part of such a community, they would be welcomed and loved and affirmed. The pastor had barely paused when Josh said, uh, thanks for the time, I'm sure you are busy, and well, I need to go now; smiles, handshakes, and the pastor said that the conversation had been a real treat, and drive safe and say hello to the spouse, etc.

The door was still closing when the pastor sighed. People would ask about the family with five children, and would they be back? Children, parents, potential, and it was all so close, so exciting. Three nights later, at the session meeting, the pastor talked about the conversation with Josh. The pastor might flub a quiz on John Calvin, and might forget that the OPC began in the 1920's, but also knew that the truth was the best defense for temptation. The session agreed.

# 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				
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**PWR - JUST BRING IT**

**OCTOBER, 2023**

**We will be supporting WestAid Food Pantry with Thanksgiving food items.**



## A Big Just Bring It Hug

When I delivered uniforms donated by our congregation to Luella Merrett Elementary School, I received not only a thank you but a **BIG HUG** from the school counselor!

Ridglea Presbyterian congregants donated 81 pants, shorts, jumpers, 2 sweaters, 139 shirts, 1 package of boxers, and 260 pairs of socks!

I want to send that **BIG HUG** to our congregation and thank you all for supporting Luella Merrett Elementary School and for faithfully supporting Just Bring It!

Marji Raunikar

## Thank You



8-26-2023

My dear ones,  
Again I have been  
so honored by my R.P.C.  
Family.

To receive the beautiful  
white shawl-scarf that  
Helen Luckett made with  
such love & prayer is  
overwhelming to me.

I will think of  
Helen and all my  
Church Friends as I

am wrapped in the  
warmth.

Yes it will turn  
cold again - about the  
time I reach the  
age of 95.

The visit by Kit & Ken  
Nostrom, as she  
made the delivery was  
enjoyed by me & my  
Family.

My Love, Monty & I  
and "Peggy" to such joy, Betty  
Rend



Dear Pastor Ryan & RPC Family,

Gary and I will be  
forever grateful for the  
many cards, prayers,  
concern and love we  
have received during his  
recent "sit back".

He's happy to be home  
again and is making  
progress with Home Health  
Care and physical therapy  
daily.

Thank you again from  
the bottom of our hearts  
for all the love and  
support.

With Much Love,  
Mary Ann & Gary Rudy





**COME JOIN US!**

**October 7, 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.**



L-R: Betsy and Ken Kibler, Kit Van Nostrand, Jean and Jim Godfrey. Hosted by Kit and Reeve (Reeve not pictured).

**September 9, 2023  
Lunch and Dinner  
with Friends**



L-R Linda Wilson, Jane and Gayle Johnson, Helen Luckett, Linda Hart, Linda Launder, Becky Williamson, Hostess



L-R Mary Fisher, Kathy Braudway, Thyllis Chambliss (Hostess), Maria Shupe, Roger Harwerth, Andy Fisher, Brenda Harwerth



# PAINTED CHURCHES OF TEXAS TOUR

**Are you interested in touring these beautiful churches in the Spring 2024?**



After the PWR General Program "Painted Churches of Texas" this past February, there is genuine interest to go see these beautiful churches in person. The date will be determined once we know how many people are interested, but we are looking to go during the week due to availability. This will not be a church sponsored event, but will consist of church members & friends. We are trying to organize a group to go.

We will have a private guide that will take us to each church.

All of these churches are around Schulenburg, TX. If we choose to tour only 4 churches, touring time is 9am- 1pm with lunch afterwards. 6 churches touring time is 9-4pm including 1 hr for lunch. Hotel will be suggested, but will be booked by the individual. Approximate cost for the tour for 4 or 6 churches will be \$24-31 per person not including tip for the guide, hotel, meals or gas.

If you are interested, please contact Katrina Little 817-253-7973 or [klittle58@gmail.com](mailto:klittle58@gmail.com). We will organize a meeting once we find out how many people would like to go. Need to know by October 6<sup>th</sup> in order to book the tour before it fills up.



*Sunday Fellowship Meal*



RPC September, 2023  
Fellowship Luncheon  
Celebrating the  
Gifts of Women  
September 17, 2023





## 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.



THE 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

SNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES  
IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL DATES,  
OCCASIONS OR LOVED ONES YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO CELEBRATE IN THE  
UPCOMING YEAR.



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. For the month of March, St. Patrick Day cards will be available.



### PWR General Meeting

October 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Chris Shahan will be sharing  
her tour of Africa

Come and learn about her trip  
with Sister Cities to Africa

Refreshments will be served

## RPC 2023 NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

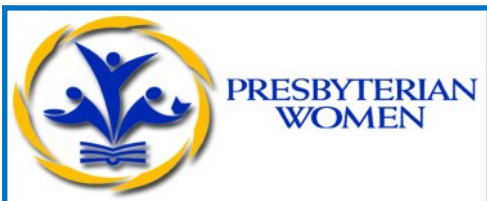


### NOMINATIONS

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 your bulletin for more information. If you have suggestions, please fill out the form and drop in the offering plate.



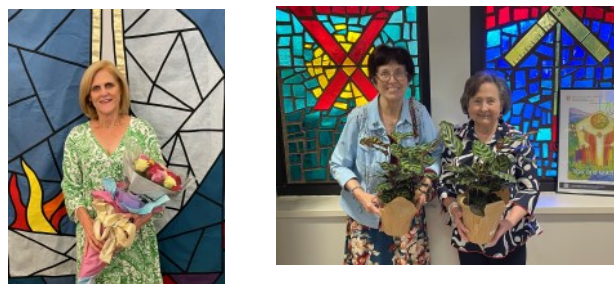
The Jam Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lots of bluegrass, folk, Americana and country music is shared with acoustic (unamplified) instruments. Musicians of all skills are encouraged!



## October 2023

During Gifts of Women Sunday on September 17, 2023, Katrina Little was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women to honor her faithful service at RPC. We also recognized and thanked Jean Godfrey and Linda Wilson for their many years of dedicated service on the PWR Coordinating Committee. The 2023-2024 Presbyterian Women of Ridglea Officers were installed by Pastor Roger:

Moderator: Katrina Little  
 Vice Moderator: Becky Williamson  
 Recording Secretary: Sue Guthrie (not pictured)  
 Corresponding Secretary: Karen Landon  
 Treasurer: Gleda Griffin  
 Email Prayer Chain: Ruth Ann Rinewalt  
 Just Bring It Chair: JoAnn VanOosterhout  
 Circle One Chair: Mac Zimmerman  
 Circle Two Chair: Kit Van Nostrand  
 Circle Three Chair: Thylis Chambless



### Circle News

All circles have begun our new study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. According to the author, "Luke presents a radical, inclusive, and hope-filled message to his community and highlights the universal scope of Jesus' message and the inclusivity of God's love and salvation." **New Circle participants are always welcome! For more information, contact any of the officers listed above.**

Circle One:	October 10	at Church (Fish Class)	10:30 a.m.
Circle Two:	October 10	at Church (Eclectic Café)	10:30 a.m.
Circle Three:	October 3	at Church (Eclectic Café)	6:30 p.m.

### Looking Ahead

Our PWR General Meeting will be Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Chris Shahan will present information about her recent trip to Mbabane, Eswatini (formally Swaziland) with Fort Worth Sister Cities. Chris will describe her city tour of Mbabane as an ambassador from Fort Worth and share her safari experience as well. No firm date has been set yet, but planning for the annual PWR Women's Retreat has begun. If you are interested in sharing your talents with the committee, please contact Becky Williamson.

### Just Bring It –October, 2023

We will be supporting WestAid Food Pantry with Thanksgiving food items.





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 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>

Matthew 25 Bible Study  
For prayer and reflection



## Matthew 25 Action Team



The **Matthew 25 Book Club** continues this fall and spring. Here are dates to put on your calendar:

**Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m. Book Club NECESSARY TROUBLE** by Drew Gilpin Faust (Harvard's first woman president about growing up in the segregated south.) Bring your sack supper.

**Wednesday, October 25, 1:30 p.m.** Eclectic Class Matthew Action Team Meeting. All are welcome.

November—No meeting

December 19 - TBA

Basically, Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and our committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month with variations due to holidays—like skipping November because it is the week of Thanksgiving. More information in the coming monthly and weekly newsletters.

# WELCOME EMILY

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a new person on staff. We have crafted a 20-hour per week position, and look forward to the energy and perspectives that will be shared.

We are excited, because this individual brings a Ridglea background and Presbyterian horizon into the position, with degrees from Presbyterian schools.

As with most “new hires” there may be some “getting to know you” bumps along the way, but we think those will be minimal, due to relationships and experiences already forged within our congregation.

Friends, please welcome Ms. Emily Everts as the Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator for Ridglea Presbyterian Church.



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

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Info:
October Dinner with Friends	Saturday, October 7	Wednesday, October 4	
<b>October Fellowship Luncheon</b>	Sunday October 15th	Wednesday October 11	<b>We will be celebrating Helen (Sunshine) Lockett's 100th birthday.</b> <b>RPC will provide fried chicken, beverages and dessert.</b> <b>Congregation is invited to bring sides, salads, fruit or bread to share.</b>

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

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

Event:	Date:
November Dinner With Friends	November 4
November Fellowship Luncheon	November 19



**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**  
**October 8, 2023 11:45 a.m.**  
**Board of Deacons: Focus on Members**  
**Lynne Payne, Moderator**

**2nd Tuesday of the Month**  
**October 10, 2023 6:15 p.m.**  
**Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing**  
**Susan Everts, Chair**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**  
**October 3, 2023 7:00 p.m. & Zoom**  
**Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings**  
**Beth Duncan, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**October 11, 2023 5:30 p.m.**  
**Commitment Team: Focus on Guests**  
**Mary Fisher, Chair**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**  
**October 4, 2023 5:30 p.m.**  
**Worship Team:**  
**Focus on Sunday & Special Services**  
**Durinda Walker, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**October 11, 2023 6:30 p.m.**  
**Building & Equipment :**  
**Focus on Physical Structures**  
**George Tischler, Chair**

**1st Thursday of the Month**  
**October 5, 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**  
**October 10, 2023 6:00 p.m.**  
**Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**  
**Marji Raunika, Chair**

**3rd Thursday of the Month**  
**October 19, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom**  
**Session Meeting**  
**Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator**

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



## October, 2023 Birthdays

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
Lorane Rea	10	12
Cary Dorman	10	13
Helen Luckett	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 Shank	10	26
Guy Groulx	10	28
Gordon Marchant	10	28
Glenda Long	10	28
Paula Sandford	10	28

The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
October 19, 2023  
at noon.

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