



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November, 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)

November 5 10:30 a.m.
November 12 10:30 a.m.
November 19 10:30 a.m.
November 26 10:30 a.m.

Join [Zoom](#) Meeting
Meeting ID: 875 7535 3065
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We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion on Sunday, November 5, 2023



The church office will be closed the week of November 20—24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you are in need of anything from the office, please request it the week before.

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 NOVEMBER 16, 2023 At 7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



PASTOR'S NOTES

A Good Time to Remember

The Rev. Fred Rogers would often ask an audience to remember a person who had been an early influence on each of their lives, and he would hold their silence for 20, then 30 seconds, even a full minute before he spoke again. And when he did, he talked about the importance of the unforgettable people who have pushed, pulled, undergirded and lifted us. One of the powerful, stunning results of these episodes was that, in addition to reminding an audience that each person has been impacted by so many, Mr. Rogers provided time and space to both remember and honor the accumulation of vital, interpersonal experience. In the silence there was also the understanding and the awareness that each of us may be someone else's unforgettable person.

We usually associate the last day of October with candy and costumes, though there is a long, long history with "All Hallows Eve," which the western world, at least, has smushed into "Halloween." A little tid-bit of history is that Father Martin Luther posted his "95 Thesis" document on October 31st, 1517 (in Wittenberg, Germany) because All Hallows Eve signifies both remembrance and witness: remembrance of those who have died, and witness to the on-going faith of the living, and Luther's desire was to consider both the traditions and the future of Christianity. This long history comes with a bit of baggage, however, since the Church more or less borrowed this idea of celebrating the dead from other cultures (or adapted, or stole, depending on perspective) and a fair amount of those other cultural celebrations clung to Christianity – such as ghosts and goblins and skeletons.

Presbyterians downplay the talk of saints more-so than some of our Christian cousins, and even then we broaden the definition of saintly souls. When we take a moment to remember those who have encouraged and influenced us (in the manner of Fred Rogers), we are remembering saints who have gone before us, and celebrating saints in our midst. That's right: Presbyterians have such a broad understanding of saintliness that we even call people saints before they die! On All Saints' Sunday we pay particular attention to those who have died, and we celebrate both their glory and their imperfections. We honor their memory and in so doing we say to the world, and we remind ourselves, that God's love for us is never-ending.

It is a good time to remember – and to give thanks.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Rogers".

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		
<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

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

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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NOVEMBER JUST BRING IT



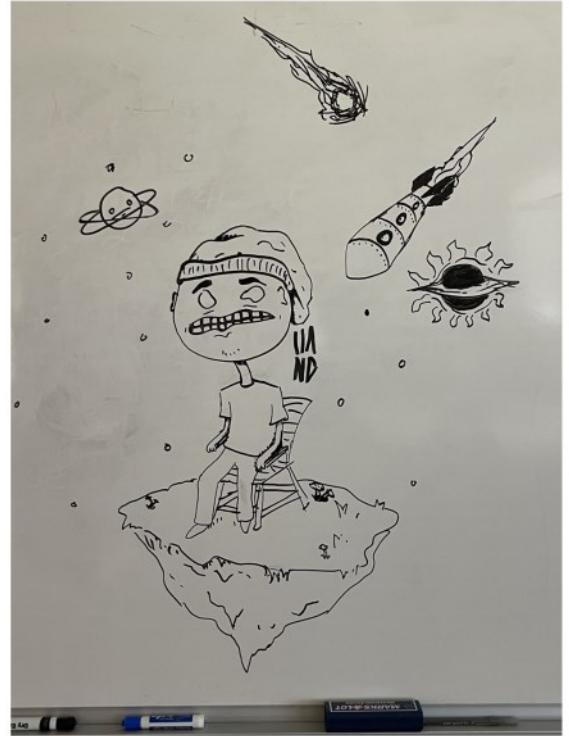
Christmas Stockings for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). Stockings available November 5th and to be returned by December 3rd.



PWR General Meeting

No meetings during the months of November and December, 2023. We will be hosting our annual Holiday Luncheon on December 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

One of our youth artists recently blessed us with some monochrome art in the Eclectic classroom. It was hard to erase, when this board was needed, particularly because the detail and the humor are so wonderful, but we hope to see more art from Kevin Hand around the building!!



ANOTHER FUN TIME PLAYING PICKLEBALL

Seven showed up to play a couple of hours of Pickleball at Game On Sports Complex. The players consisted of Bruce & Diana Casten, Melissa Burkhead, Julie & Greg Ritz & John and Katrina Little. First, it started with lessons and then playing and switching up teams after every game. It was nice to play indoors in air conditioning. We will start another sign up soon to play pickleball in the next coming months. Watch the newsletter for more details. If interested, please let Katrina Little or Melissa Burkhead know.





COME JOIN US!
November 4th, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Dinner With Friends
(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.

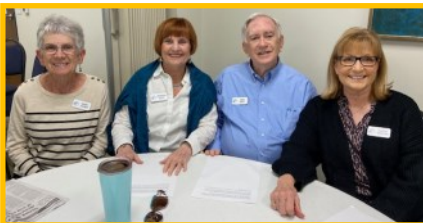
If you agree to host in a restaurant, simply make a reservation at the restaurant of your choice. Then notify the members of your assigned Friends Group of the restaurant and reservation time. Dinner in a restaurant will be dutch treat.

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

OCTOBER DINNER AND LUNCH WITH FRIENDS



L-R: Roger and Brenda Harwerth, Jean Hadley, Jean and Jim Godfrey, Miriam Gallagher, Jo VanOosterhout and Lynne Payne.



L-R: Mary Fisher, Marsha and Bob West and Gleda Griffin. Absent from pic: Andy Fisher and Linda Hart.

Church Wide
MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday November 11, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
In the Sanctuary
We will be watching Free Birds
Popcorn, Hot Chocolate
and Water will be provided
Bring dinner
and the
whole family!

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.



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.



Join us for an RPC Friendsgiving! Fellowship will provide the turkey. All are encouraged to bring your favorite side or dessert to share

November Fellowship Luncheon
 Sunday, November 12th
 Register by: Wednesday November 8th



See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register	Info:
November Dinner With Friends	Saturday Nov. 4th	Sunday, Oct. 29th	Dinner or Lunch groups are available
November Fellowship Luncheon	Sunday Nov. 12th	Wednesday Nov. 8th	Join us for an RPC Friendsgiving! Fellowship will provide the turkey. All are encouraged to bring your favorite side or dessert to share
December Dinner with Friends	Saturday December 2nd	Sunday, November 26th	Dinner or Lunch Groups are available.

Mark your calendars for events coming soon:

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

Event:	Date:
December Fellowship Luncheon	TBD

Matthew 25 Action Team

Book Club



If you didn't get a chance to read the October book, Necessary Trouble, Growing Up Mid-Century, I encourage you to do so. It's a fascinating read about a time many of us lived through. Here's a link to an interview with the author you might want to check out too. [Bing Videos](#).

Our November meeting will be after Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 28 at 6 pm for a sack supper with the book study beginning at 6:30. The book is AMERICAN DIRT by Jeanine

Cummins. This happens to be an Oprah Book Club recommendation. Katrina Little will lead our discussion.

We will not meet in December because, well, you get it.

Books in the New Year:

Tuesday, January 23—UP HOME-ONE GIRL'S JOURNEY—a Memoir by Ruth Jay Simons, 1st Black Dean of Smith College

Tuesday, February 27—OUR KIND OF PEOPLE—Inside America's Black Upper Class by Lawrence Ottis Graham

Other Activities

Monday, December 4—Help decorate Quail Trail Community Room 10 am

Tuesday, December 5—West Aid Event at West Aid 11-3 pm Helping clients learn how to use crockpots using the ingredients they find at West Aid. TAFB will provide training. Contact Lynne Payne if you're interested in participating in these last two activities. Thank you for your service to God's people.

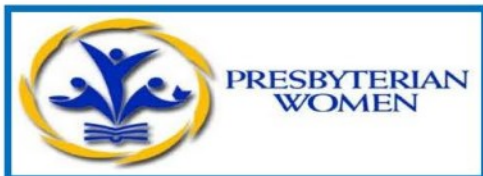
Marsha West for the Matthew 25 Action Team.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO EMILY EVERTS WHO HAS JOINED OUR RPC FAMILY AS CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES COORDINATOR.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE PLEASURE TO MEET HER, PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF. WE ARE VERY BLESSED TO HAVE EMILY ON STAFF AT RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.



Here is a little bit of information about me so you can get to know me better. I am the youngest daughter of Susan and Frank Everts and as most of you all know, I grew up in the RPC congregation. I had a wonderful nurturing and supporting experience growing up in the church and was involved in all things youth related. I was also involved with many youth leadership opportunities in Grace Presbytery, including being a part of PLUSE and on planning teams for SHYC and Mo Ranch Celebration. I attended Austin College in Sherman Texas where I graduated with a double Major in Religious Studies and Anthropology. While at AC I was very active in the student ministry group called the Activators and was the Youth Director for Covenant Presbyterian Church for three years. I then went to Austin Theological Presbyterian Seminary in Austin Texas for my Masters of Divinity, and graduated in May 2022. Since then I have been working a remote Human Resource position contracted to Google. I am grateful that God's path for me brought me back home to Fort Worth for the opportunity to be in a position to help shape and guide the children and youth of RPC and its ministries!



November 2023 – Strength in Flexibility: 35 Years of Presbyterian Women (An excerpt from Horizons, the magazine for Presbyterian Women)

The traditional gift to mark a 35-year anniversary is coral. While it's the gift for one of the milestone "multiples of five" anniversaries celebrated with gems and stones, coral is neither of those. Dubbed "the garden of the sea" or the "rainforest of the sea," this slow-growing organism isn't a plant either. Coral grows in groups. Coral is an animal that forms when a small organism called a polyp secretes a skeleton for support. When many polyps grow near one another, they form a reef, which functions as a single organism. Coral serves as a vital part of its ecosystem.

Like coral, Presbyterian Women is vital, strong, and works together. As we celebrate 35 years of PW, let's celebrate not just what we've made possible, but how. The most obvious "how" is our faith—our love from and for God, the teachings of Jesus, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We also have guidance from the PW Purpose, which articulates the ways we can offer protection, wisdom, and love to all of God's creation. We have the legacy of the women's organizations in Presbyterian churches that came before us—a tradition of more than 230 years. **PW celebrates how we grow and serve together. Just like coral, you are a vital part of Presbyterian Women and God's kingdom.**

PWR News:

On October 24th, Chris Shahan shared her fascinating experience traveling as an ambassador with Fort Worth Sister Cities to Mbabane, Eswatini. Visitors from Westminster & St. Stephen Presbyterian Churches were also in attendance, and we enjoyed a lovely meal together.



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| Circle One: | November 14 at Church (Fish Class) | 10:30 a.m. |
| Circle Two: | November 14 at Church (Eclectic Café) | 10:30 a.m. |
| Circle Three: | November 7 at Church (Eclectic Café) | 6:30 p.m. |

Looking Ahead: There will be no PWR General Meeting in November. We will gather December 12 in the Church Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. for our Christmas Program.

Just Bring It for November 2023: We are collecting items for our annual Christmas Stockings for Presbyterian Children's Home & Services (PCHAS). More information coming soon.



Wednesday mornings
8:00 a.m.

The men's prayer breakfast has been a vital part of Ridglea's mission and ministry for decades. We enjoy a hearty breakfast and pray for people and events throughout the world. Please call the church office at 817-732-3388 if you plan to attend for location.



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 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 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!

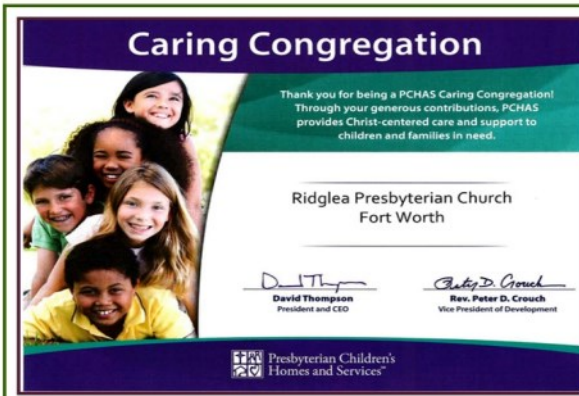


The Finance & Budget committee has mailed letters, as we begin our fall stewardship campaign. These letters include pledge cards and a stamped, self addressed envelope in addition to numerous options to return your financial commitments for 2024. We will conclude our stewardship campaign on Sunday, November 12th.

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.



Sunday, November 5th, is All Saints Sunday. With prayers of thanksgiving, we lift up those who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year along with many who have gone before us.




 Falan Cofield wants to express a very big **“THANK YOU”** to her RPC family for all your thoughts, prayers and good wishes during her recovery from surgery. She is very happy to be back in Sunday School and Worship.


Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services™
 Celebrating 120 years of service

September 1, 2023

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5000 Southwest Boulevard
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel of Mark tells the story of an unexpected storm that frightened Jesus' disciples. Unafraid, Jesus "rebuked the wind" and brought immediate calm. At PCHAS, our staff do everything in their power to bring this sense of peace to the missional work we do with children and families who have experienced trauma.

This year, some of the families we serve have experienced acute stress due to the terrible heat wave we've all experienced. When families are at risk of breaking apart, children are at risk of abuse. Like the "balm in Gilead," your support brings healing to the families we serve.

As one of our faithful Caring Congregations, I am pleased to enclose your **2023 Caring Congregation certificate**. We hope you will display it for all members of your congregation to see. Because of your generosity, over 4,500 children and families continue to receive God's love.

As you plan 2023 year-end mission support and your 2024 mission support, I hope you will once again consider our Christ-centered ministry of healing, hope and peace.

Yours in Christ,


 Maria Shupe, Development Officer
maria.shupe@pchas.org
 303.718.9619

We provide Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need.


5920 W. William Cannon Drive, Bldg. 3 - Suite 100, Austin, TX 78749
 800.888.1904 | pchas.org | info@pchas.org

On Sunday, October 22nd, our Children and Youth gathered to paint Pumpkins in Sunday School to celebrate Fall.




Youth from left to right
Kevin Hand, Tabby Hand, Melissa Quintero, Tommy Quintero, Bailey Chapman, Zoi Chapman, Isabel Quintero

Welcome Mark Gottschalk to the RPC family

L-R: Mick Stuart, Rev Roger Harwerth, (new member) Mark Gottschalk, Robyn Reid



A HUGE thank you from Helen "Sunshine" Lockett for the celebration of her 100th birthday



Helen would like to thank the Fellowship Committee, all those who helped arrange for her special day, preparing the wonderful dinner and decorations and all who sent cards, presented her with gifts and participated in her celebration!! She is so very grateful for all of her RPC family and their planning such a magnificent and delightful celebration.

RPC New Playground



L-R: George Tischler, John Little, Paul Morrison, Roger Harwerth, Jim Cleworth and Martin Cleworth

**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
November 12, 2023 **11:45 a.m.**
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
November 14, 2023 **6:15 p.m.**
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

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

2nd Wednesday of the Month
November 8, 2023 **5:30 p.m.**
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Mary Fisher, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
November 8, 2023 **5:30 p.m.**
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Durinda Walker, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
November 8, 2023 **6:30 p.m.**
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
November 9, 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
November 14, 2023 **6:00 p.m.**
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
November 16, 2023
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon



November, 2023 Birthdays

Will Stallworth	11	2
Roger Blair	11	4
Marji Raunikar	11	10
Mickey Stuart	11	10
Cole Ducease	11	11
Jerry Rottler	11	11
Roger Harwerth	11	12
Emily Everts	11	13
Byron Keil	11	13
Tom Aderhold	11	13
Sandra Barther	11	17
Betty Rankin	11	21
Cameron Stewart	11	21
Thylis Chambliss	11	24
Ernie Register	11	25
Zander Martin	11	26
Chris Henderson	11	28
Barbara White	11	29
Jean Hadley	11	30
Mary Beth Sisolak Wagner	11	30

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The next
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deadline
will be
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