



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER, 2025

(US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship Service

Time: 10:30 AM Central Time

November 2, 2025 10:30 a.m. Communion
November 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.
November 16, 2025 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon
November 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.
November 30, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 944 1264 0306

Passcode: 380490



We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion
Sunday morning,
November 2, 2025



ECLECTIC CAFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Eclectic Café Zoom meeting ID: 915 2396 5224

We are continuing our study of the Reformation:

November 9—Johanna Jones Reformation Lesson 3

November 16—Marsha West Reformation Lesson 4

November 23—Marsha West Reform Lesson 5

November 30 Advent Study begins and Johanna Jones will be leading the class.

Look forward to seeing everyone. All are welcome.



"THE GATHERING"

The Gathering, our multigenerational Sunday school class led by Paul Duncan, will be an ongoing study of Psalms. All are welcome to attend!

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
NOVEMBER 20, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

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.



Footsteps

About a dozen years ago, Shannon gathered a handful of musically-inclined colleagues in Muscle Shoals, Alabama to help him record an album, and included with the dozen or so songs he had written was “Boots of Giants.” As the song unfolds, Shannon mentions a blues guitarist, two clergy colleagues, and his father. Throughout the song the message resounds: we often sit among the boots of giants, though we rarely realize this in the moment. In a little over four minutes, we begin to understand how some people provide life-long influence, and that we often wait until it is time for a eulogy before we realize just how significant they have been.

During that week in Muscle Shoals, the evenings were a time for rehearsing, and laughing, and learning about the characters and situations that populated the songs, and Shannon gave us plenty of “between-the-lines” stories, including the four men mentioned in Boots of Giants. Let’s just say that Shannon gladly emulated the musicality of that long-ago blues guitarist, but not his rambunctious lifestyle or questionable morals; we honored the memories of his dad, who died before any of us had known Shannon; the longest conversations were around those two clergy colleagues, whom some of us knew.

We eventually agreed that all those whom we consider saints contain flaws and failings, alongside goodness and virtue, and our respect for them is a weighing of those flaws and virtues. The importance, the impact, the lasting influence which some people have is, in large measure, a matter of circumstance and proximity. Our friends experience our parents differently than we do; some teachers and colleagues are more relatable to us than to our friends, and what some of us see as strength, others see as hurdles. Or, as Shannon might say, what some experience as the boots of giants, others might consider to be cast-off clodhoppers.

Even before the fifth century, the Church set aside time to remember all of the souls who have left this earthly life, yet who continue to influence the world. In the Protestant tradition we have expanded this to All Saints Day, which honors the life of those departed and encourages future generations to carry on grace-filled ministries of compassion and connection. For more than a millennium, November 1st is that day of remembrance, but of course, these memories, and these ministries, are deeper than a single day. A century and a half before Shannon penned Boots of Giants, Horatio Bolton Nelson wrote these lyrics:

*By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
For those passed on before us, we sing our praise anew
And, walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.*

By All Your Saints Still Striving, lyrics by H. B. Nelson, harmony by R.V. Williams,
as found in *Glory to God Hymnal*, © 2013 John Knox Press

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 2026

Beth Duncan
Shiryl Gillaspie
George Tischler
Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison
Marji Raunikar
Mary Beth Sisolak-Wagner
Becky Williamson

Class of 2028

Mark Gottschalk
Ryan Keating
Jody Maas
Marsha West

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

RPC TRUSTEES

Class of 2026

Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison

Class of 2028

Jim Godfrey

2025-2026 RPC DEACONS

Lynne Payne - Moderator
Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator
Glenna Cleworth
Jane Johnson
Diane Keller
Jo VanOosterhout

RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2025

Ken Kibler

Class of 2026

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Class of 2027

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Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie

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Patricia Taber, Office Manager
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Dr. Maritza Caceres, Organist
Emily Everts, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator
Caroline Maas, Pianist

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Children and Youth **NOVEMBER 2025** Calender

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Fellowship Luncheon	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 MOVIE NIGHT 5:30 - 7:30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30						

Church Wide

MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday November 23, 2025 @ 5:30 - 7:30 pm
In the Sanctuary

We will be watching Light of the World
An animated movie of Jesus' ministry through the crucifixion and resurrection

Popcorn, Hot Chocolate and Water will be provided

Bring dinner and the whole family!

ADVENT FESTIVAL

THE WHOLE CHURCH IS INVITED TO AN ADVENT FESTIVAL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH 4 PM - 6 PM

THERE WILL BE THE HANGING OF THE GREENS, ALONG WITH CRAFTS, CAROLING, S'MORES, HOT CHOCOLATE AND SNACKS

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ARE CONCERNS PLEASE REACH OUT TO EMILY



Will Stallworth	11	2
Roger Blair	11	4
Bernice Morris	11	8
Rex Hayes	11	9
Marji Raunika	11	10
Mickey Stuart	11	10
Cole Dueease	11	11
Jerry Rottler	11	11
Roger Harwerth	11	12
Emily Everts	11	13
Tom Aderhold	11	13
Sandra Baither	11	17
Cameron Stewart	11	21
Thylis Chambless	11	24
Ernie Register	11	25
Richard (Dick) Richardson	11	25
Diana Casten	11	25
Zander Martin	11	26
Chris Henderson	11	28
Barbara White	11	29
Mary Beth Sisolak Wagner	11	30

RPC OCTOBER 4, 2025 LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Johanna Jones, Marji Raunika, Laura Stutheit, Sue Guthrie
Secret Garden Restaurant in the Montgomery Street Antique Mall



L-R Pastor Roger Harwerth, PWR Moderator Becky Williamson, Ryan Keating, Marsha West, Marji Raunika, Clerk of Session Karen Landon, Shiryl Gillaspie, Paul Morrison, Mary Beth Wagner, Beth Duncan, George Tischler, Reeve Van Nostrand, Jody Maas, Mark Gottschalk

November Just Bring It: Stockings for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

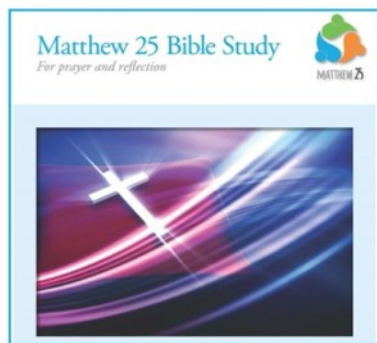


RPC is considered a real "STAR" for creation of amazing Christmas stockings for youth in the group foster homes for PCHS -- We were told that last year our Christmas stockings were the favorite gifts for the youth in the homes! Once again they are requesting that we provide special treats as well as useful items in stockings for individual children at PCHAS.

The stockings will be picked up at the church. Deadline is November 30, 2025.

(More information to follow)

Mathew 25 Action Team



Thanks to Johanna Jones for leading the interesting discussion of the book MY DOCUMENTS by Kevin Nguyen. We have rescheduled the November book, THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS by Laurie Frankel, to January 27. We never had a book scheduled for December.

Food distribution at Quail Trail is Tuesday, November 21st at 9:15.

Quail Trail Birthday Celebration will be on Friday, November 25 as we move to a quarterly event with RPC providing a meal as well as the birthday cake and cards. Your help will be appreciated.

All are welcome to take part in any of these activities.

“When you do it unto the least of these my brothers, you do it unto me.” Matthew 25:40.

Marsha West

Matthew 25 Action Team **Did You Know?**

Did you know that social and cultural privilege occurs in many avenues, such as realizing that fifteen percent (15%) of households in the U.S. include someone with a physical disability, but only six percent (6%) of homes are designed with physical disability in mind?



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

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
Fellowship Luncheon	Sunday November 16, 2025	Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Fellowship Committee will provide meal of lasagna, sides and drinks.

Mark your calendars for events coming soon:

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



Event: Granbury Dinner & Theater	Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Cookie Exchange following Service	Sunday, December 14, 2025
No Fellowship Luncheon	(Due to extra Christmas activities)

This QR code (for phone apps) will direct people to our Realm portal for online giving; a Realm account will need to be created, though it is very simple to do.



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 2025 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 Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie at 817-266-4171 in order to fill those positions.

Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4ae2ea3f85-ushers1>

Remember Our Home Members



On the first and second Sunday of each month, beautiful note cards will be available for RPC members to send to our "Home" members. Following worship service, these cards will be in white baskets in the Narthex on a first come basis.

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.



Wednesday mornings
8:30 a.m.
Central Market– Upstairs

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 around the world.



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!

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The 2026 Flower

Calendar is posted in the Narthex if you wish to celebrate, honor or remember a special person, date or occasion, Please sign up as the spaces fill up pretty quickly.



PARKING - We are using the grass field behind the basketball goal for overflow parking when our main lot fills to capacity. Feel free to park there, but if you see the front row becoming near full, please leave the end spots open so others may pull in and start a second row in the grass. Thanks!



HELEN ("SUNSHINE") SENDS A BIG THANK YOU AND HUGS TO ALL WHO HELPED CELEBRATE HER 102nd BIRTHDAY WITH ALL THE CARDS AND WISHES ON HER SPECIAL DAY.



**WE WILL BE RECEIVING
THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
FROM NOVEMBER 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 21, 2025.**

**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 9, 2025 11:45 a.m.
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
November 11, 2025 6:15 p.m.
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Mary Beth Wagner, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
November 4, 2025 7:00 p.m. & Zoom
Fellowship Team:
Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
November 12, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
November 5, 2025 5:30 p.m.
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Shiryl Gillaspie Thompson, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
November 12, 2025 5:30 p.m.
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Marsha West, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
November 6, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Personnel: Focus on Staff Support
Paul Morrison, 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 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
November 20, 2025
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon

AV Team
Contact: Nancy Staples

Nominations Committee
Contact: Mary Beth Wagner



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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The next
newsletter
deadline
will be
November 20, 2025
at noon.