



# RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MARCH, 2026

**Due to technical difficulties**, we will no longer live stream our 10:30 a.m. Sunday services on the Zoom platform, **effective February 1, 2026.**

These services will still be available through the Ridglea Presbyterian Church Facebook page, and will be archived there.

- March 1, 2026 10:30 a.m. Communion
- March 8, 2026 10:30 a.m.
- March 15, 2025 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon
- March 22, 2026 10:30 a.m.
- March 29, 2026 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday



**We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion Sunday morning, March 1, 2026**

Ridglea Presbyterian Church invites you to

## PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

March 29, 2026  
10:30 a.m.  
5000 Southwest Blvd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76116

***Eclectic Café Zoom meeting ID: 915 2396 5224***  
**Password is Eclectic**

Thanks to Lynne Payne for last two weeks' classes and the discussion of Chapter 2, Faith & Salvation Are Gifts, Not Transactions.

On March 1 Judy Humphrey will lead a Bible Study from Matthew with a Lenten Emphasis.

On March 8 & 15 we'll be back to our study of BEING PRESBYTERIAN IN A DYSVANGELICAL AMERICA, A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace written by Ted V. Foote, Jr. and Alex Thornburg. Marsha West will lead a discussion of Chapter 3 "Discipleship is a Lifelong Conversion, Not a Rulebook."

Look forward to seeing everyone!  
All are welcome!

### **"THE GATHERING"**

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

### **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.

MARCH NEWSLETTERS  
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
MARCH 19, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.



## The Aura

The first Sunday in the season of Lent traditionally focuses on the gospel passages of temptation, and this article is a reflection on the version found in Matthew 4:1-11, and particularly the second of those three episodes, wherein Jesus is bid to call upon the angels from heaven for protection.

After being ordained as an elder during my junior year of high school, the presbytery elected me as a commissioner to the Synod of Mid-America. At those annual meetings in the mid-1970's, dress shirts and neckties were predominant for men, and dresses for ladies, and blue jeans for all of us still in school.

There were a couple of ministers, however, wearing what might best be described as psychedelic paisley shirts with tab collars – some sort of “Mod Squad meets God Squad” get up that had everyone under the age of twenty rolling their eyes.

Such shirts go by many names – clergy collars, Roman collars, tab collars, even dog collars – but their purpose is identity through uniformity. Since those first experiences as a commissioner to the Synod of Mid-America, through college, seminary, and six presbyteries, spanning the great plains to the west coast, through three General Assemblies and hundreds of presbytery and governing-body meetings, plus dozens of regional and national conferences, the number of people wearing clergy collars was infinitesimally small, particularly when the gatherings were “Presby-centric” (at or near 100% Presbyterian clergy and laity). Nearly every pastor, professor, and preacher in my acquaintance wore the same uniform: black robes and liturgically-seasonal stoles, over a dress shirt and necktie.

Since ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament in December of 1987, the thought of wearing a clerical collar was as realistic as the thought of diving with sharks. That is, until about a week ago, when listening to an interview with Rev. Zack Wilson, who is the Co-Executive Presbyter in Twin Cities Area, Minnesota. Rev. Wilson has been in ministry for 25+ years who also has never owned or worn a clergy collar.

Two and a half minutes into that six-minute interview, Rev. Zack Wilson says, “I ordered [the collar] the day Renee Good was killed” (Jan. 6, 2026). (*Articles of Interest* podcast, season 8, episode 3)

By the time I heard that interview, Alex Pretti had also been killed, and the government-sanctioned terror in Minnesota had pushed down every other story. The day I heard that interview, I decided to order clerical shirts and collars, for the first time in thirty-eight-plus years of ministry.

It will take some getting used to, whenever those shirts and collars arrive in a week or so. Until then, mental, emotional, and spiritual space is being wrestled with, almost as if there is a wilderness wandering being experienced.

Space and time being contended with even now, trying to minimize the magnetism of the aura of automatic salvation. One of the many, many reasons that a collar has been absent for three-plus decades is that magnetism: the collar can, will, and does signify the aura of automatic salvation, which is that God's holy angels will protect the wearer from harm, as the Tempter pleads its case. When the collar is worn, the purpose will be to provide strength in the face of uncertainty and hope in the midst of anguish.

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](mailto:Clerk@RidgleaPres.org). Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: [Deacons@RidgleaPres.org](mailto:Deacons@RidgleaPres.org)

<b>RPC SESSION</b>		
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Beth Duncan	Paul Morrison	Mark Gottschalk
Shiryl Gillaspie	Marji Raunikar	Ryan Keating
George Tischler	Mary Beth Sisolak-Wagner	Jody Maas
Reeve Van Nostrand	Becky Williamson	Marsha West

*Clerk of Session: Karen Landon*

<b>RPC TRUSTEES</b>		
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Reeve Van Nostrand	Paul Morrison	Jim Godfrey

<b>2025-2026 RPC DEACONS</b>
Lynne Payne - Moderator
Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator
Glenna Cleworth
Jane Johnson
Diane Keller
Jo VanOosterhout

<b>RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>				
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>	<u>Designee</u>
Ken Kibler	Gordon Ramsey	Nancy Staples	Walter Ducease	Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie



# YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Children and Youth **March 2026** Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Fellowship Luncheon</b> 	<b>Spring Break</b>					<b>Movie Night</b> @5:30 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 	29	30	31			

Church Wide  
**MOVIE NIGHT**  
Saturday March 14, 2026 @ 5:30 pm  
In the Sanctuary

We will be watching The King of Kings  
Popcorn, Hot Chocolate  
and Water will be provided  
Bring dinner  
and the whole family!



**Youth and Young Adult  
AXE  
Throwing  
2/22/26**



**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**  
2/28/26



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

# Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday April 2, 2026 @ 7pm

A service of Song, Scripture  
and Sacrament

5000 Southwest Blvd.  
Fort Worth TX, 76116

# Easter Sunday

The Flowering of the Cross and the Easter Egg hunt will happen Easter Sunday 4/5/26 from 9:15 - 10:15 am.

We encourage all to bring flowers for the cross from your garden, a store, or make your own.

The CE committee is gathering a combination of pre-stuffed plastic eggs and goodies to fill our existing plastic eggs. Donations of physical goodies or monetary expenses are always welcomed.

We are looking to fill the plastic eggs with a variety of things like:

fun size chocolate	small toys
fun size non-chocolate candy	novelty erasers
fruit snacks	small bubbles
	fidget toys

You can find these things at different stores like Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, Mardels, a party supply store, Sam's Club, and Costco.

You can bring these donations on Sunday, and if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Emily Everts.

**163 bears were blessed and contributed to Cook Children's Hospital during the Service of Worship on February 22, 2026.**



Ridglea Presbyterian  
Church invites to you

# Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 @ 10:30 am

Please join us for a light Breakfast  
from 9:15 - 10:15

We will have different activities for Children, Youth,  
and Families from 9:15 - to 10:15.

Including an Easter Egg Hunt, Flowering of the Cross,  
and Arts and Crafts for all ages. We will also be  
partaking in the Sacrament during the service.

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## Staff

Roger Harwerth, Pastor  
Patricia Taber, Office Manager  
John Sauvey, Director of Music Ministries  
Dr. Maritza Caceres, Organist  
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Emily Everts, Children and Youth  
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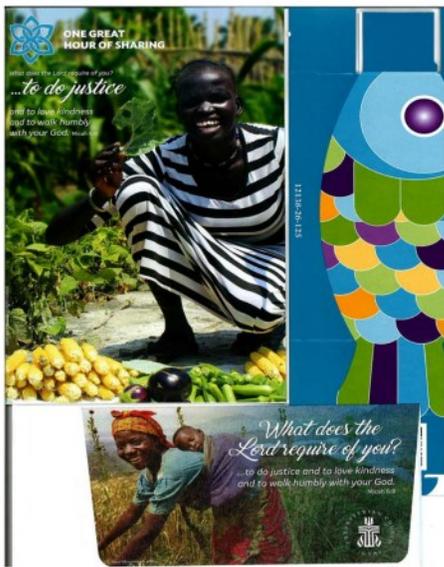
## DINNER WITH FRIENDS

February 7, 2026



Hosted by Chris Shahan  
L-R: Becky Williamson, Kit and  
Reeve Van Nostrand,  
& Jim and Jean Godfrey

Hosted by Jo VanOosterhout  
L-R: Jo VanOosterhout, Brenda  
Harwerth, George Tischler, Roger  
Harwerth, Lynne Payne, Marsha and  
Bob West, and Thylis Chambless.



### When we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing...

We create possibility for people forced to flee their homes in search of safety.

We support recovery efforts when disasters devastate communities.

We empower partners to build sustainable futures.

We walk alongside our siblings to work for more just immigration laws and processes.

Our gifts show people they are not alone and that people they don't know see them and care enough to respond.



Thanks to Thylis Chambless for leading a discussion of **Parable of the Sower** by Octavia E. Butler at Book Club on February 24.

**Friday, March 20** is the Tarrant County Food distribution at Quail Trail at 9 am. Check with Lynne Payne if you'd like to help.

**Tuesday, March 24** is Book Club and Sue Guthrie will lead our discussion of **THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS** by Laurie Frankel. We will have our sack supper at 6 pm and the discussion will begin at 6:30. Please come whether you've read the book or not.

**Tuesday, March 31** at 11 am is the Birthday Luncheon at Quail Trail. Check with Lynne Payne if you'd like to attend.

**Wednesday, May 25** is the Mayor's DRC Breakfast at Ridglea Country Club. It's at 7 am. This is a very inspirational event. DRC is an organization that works directly with people on the street.

Looks like we'll be pretty busy the latter part of March.

Thanks for all you do for the "least of these."

Marsha



See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
RPC Men's Dinner	March 5, 2026	Sunday, March 1, 1026	
Fellowship Luncheon	March 15, 2026	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Potato and Salad Bar

Mark your calendars for events coming soon:  
(We'll let you know when registration opens on Realm)

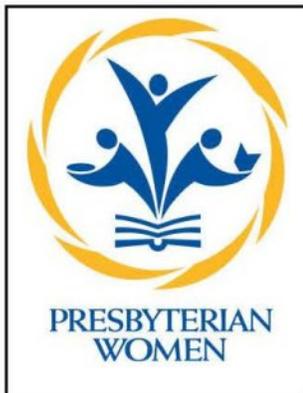


Event:	Date:
Easter Sunday Light breakfast before worship	April 5, 2026
Fellowship Luncheon	April 19, 2026

## FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON (PANCAKE DINNER)



The Men of the Church will be meeting for dinner at RPC on March 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on Realm or see one of the helpers in the Narthex (with computers) after worship.



### Circle Meeting Times:

Circle 1: March 10<sup>th</sup> at Church (Fish Classroom) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 2: March 10<sup>th</sup> at Church (Eclectic Classroom) 10:30 a.m.

Circle 3: March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Church (Eclectic Classroom) 6:30 p.m.

**Just Bring It –March 2026:** We are collecting sack lunch items for students participating in after-school extra-curricular activities: **Chewy granola bars, fruit snacks, peanut butter/cheese crackers, and dinner napkins** for Cougar Pride Alliance, which benefits students at Western Hills High School (and feeder schools). Cougar Pride Alliance began as an alumni

group, and is now affiliated with LVTRise, the Las Vegas Trail Revitalization Project, a collaboration and partnership of private companies, human service organizations and government agencies dedicated to helping residents of the Las Vegas Trail area improve their neighborhood and day-to-day lives. In addition, PWR is collecting items for WestAid and the Presbyterian Night Shelter Quail Trail Apartments on an ongoing basis: toiletry items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, wet wipes, toothbrushes, etc.), sanitary products, & pet food. Please place items in the labeled box located near the office.

### Looking Ahead:

**March 6-7, 2026: RPC PWR Annual Women's Retreat** – Looking forward to a weekend of learning, fun, and fellowship at Hubert Moss Lake near Gainesville. Questions? Contact Kit VanNostrand.

**March 24, 2026: PWR General Meeting** – In lieu of a general meeting at the church, we are taking a field trip to the **Christian Arts Museum** (3221 Hamilton Ave. Fort Worth 76107). **Meet at RPC at 10:15 AM if you would like to carpool, or meet at the museum at 10:45. Contact Julie Ritz if you are interested in going to lunch after the museum outing.** According to their website, the Christian Arts Museum showcases and displays an appreciation of "Inspirational Art." From sculpture to canvas, the Christian Arts Commission brings a collection of work to the public that will help build spiritual harmony and goodwill for all that come to view it.

**April 28, 2026: RPC General Meeting** – Allison Liles, a representative from Guns 2 Gardens, will share info about their organization, which dismantles unwanted guns and forges the parts into life-giving garden tools for victims of violence. Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/GunstoGardens>

**June 5-7, 2026: Mo Ranch Women's Conference** – Contact Karen Landon ASAP if you plan to attend and want to carpool from RPC: [karenlandon2010@gmail.com](mailto:karenlandon2010@gmail.com)



At our February 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, representatives from Fort Worth Environmental Services Department gave a presentation entitled "Keep Fort Worth Beautiful."



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](mailto:r.rinewalt@att.net).



We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for Sundays during the 2026 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>



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.

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

Are you interested in membership at Ridglea Presbyterian Church? Contact Pastor Roger for all the deets and FAQ's.



a new church for you to call home

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026



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!

## “Ridglea Pres at Room In the Inn”

Matthew 25 Bible Study  
*For prayer and reflection*



Members of our congregation partnered with Ridglea Christian Church in support of their Room In the Inn in January and February.

Room In the Inn is an interfaith collaboration among Fort Worth congregations to provide hospitality to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness during the hottest and coldest months of the year. True Worth, a Presbyterian Night Shelter resource center coordinates services between guests and the host church.

Ridglea Christian Church is the "Inn" with clean, safe beds for the night, dinner on Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. The "Inn" has facilities for laundry and showers. Guests get to play games and watch TV or movies.

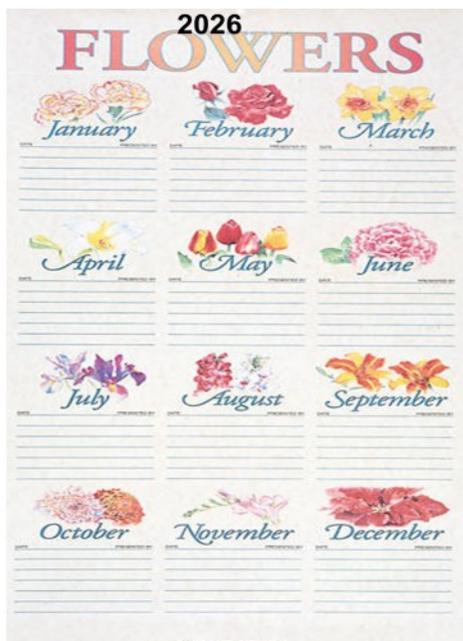
The small group of guests and church members share meals and fellowship. On Friday, February 6, Ridglea Presbyterian members provided a meal of Red River Stew, coleslaw and crackers. Snacks, dessert, and breakfast on Saturday were provided by Ridglea Christian Church members and other volunteers.

Thank you to our Ridglea folks who provided food and fellowship in January and February: Jim Aycock, Burt Chance, Linda Hart, Paul Morrison, Bonnie Morrison, Lynne Payne, Laura Stutheit and Millie, Jo VanOosterhout, Marsha West. And a very special thank you to George Tischler, who stayed overnight serving as an inn keeper!

We will have more opportunities to serve this summer. For more information, contact Jim Aycock.

## 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!



### JUST BRING IT—MARCH, 2026 COUGAR PRIDE ALLIANCE

We are collecting chewy granola bars, fruit snacks, peanut butter/cheese crackers, and regular dinner napkins.

Cougar Pride Alliance, which benefits students at Western Hills High School (and its feeder schools), began as an alumni group, and is now affiliated with LVTRise, the Las Vegas Trail Revitalization Project, which is a collaboration and partnership of private companies, human service organizations and government agencies dedicated to helping residents of the Fort Worth Las Vegas Trail area improve their neighborhood and day-to-day lives.



**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**  
**March 8, 2026 11:45 a.m.**  
**Board of Deacons: Focus on Members**  
**Lynne Payne, Moderator**

**2nd Tuesday of the Month**  
**March 10, 2026 6:15 p.m.**  
**Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing**  
**Mary Beth Wagner, Chair**

**1st Tuesday of the Month**  
**March 3, 2026 7:00 p.m. & Zoom**  
**Fellowship Team:**  
**Focus on Social Gatherings**  
**Beth Duncan, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**March 11, 2026 6:30 p.m.**  
**Building and Equipment**  
**Focus on Physical Structures**  
**George Tischler, Chair**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**  
**March 4, 2026 5:30 p.m.**  
**Worship Team:**  
**Focus on Sunday & Special Services**  
**Shiryl Gillaspie Thompson, Chair**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**March 11, 2026 5:30 p.m.**  
**Commitment Team: Focus on Guests**  
**Marsha West, Chair**

**1st Thursday of the Month**  
**March 5, 2026 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**  
**March 10, 2026 6:00 p.m.**  
**Outreach Team: Focus on Mission**  
**Marji Raunikar, Chair**

**3rd Thursday of the Month**  
**March 19, 2026**  
**7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom**  
**Session Meeting**  
**Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator**

**AV Team**  
**Contact: Nancy Staples**

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

**Nominations Committee**  
**Contact: Mary Beth Wagner**



**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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<b>Lisa Staples</b>	6
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<b>Patricia Baxter</b>	8
<b>Hallie Keating</b>	10
<b>Marley Dueease</b>	11
<b>Lynne Payne</b>	13
<b>John Sauvey</b>	20
<b>Brenda Harwerth</b>	22
<b>Estella Rodriguez</b>	23
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The next  
newsletter  
deadline  
will be  
March 19, 2026  
at noon.