



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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APRIL, 2026

Services of Worship are live streamed through the Ridglea Presbyterian Church Facebook page.

- April 2, 2026 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
- April 5, 2026 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion
- April 12, 2026 10:30 a.m.
- April 19, 2025 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon
- April 26, 2026 10:30 a.m.



We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion** **Maundy Thursday, April 2** and **Sunday morning, April 5, 2026**

CHRIST IS RISEN



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

Thanks to Johanna Jones for concluding our discussion of Chapter 4. We have **no class on Easter Sunday**. We encourage you to come and participate in the activities before church.

On Sunday, April 12 Lynne Payne will begin the 5th Chapter 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. That will continue April 19th as well.

We 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.

APRIL NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
APRIL 16, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.



Clearly and Plainly

Arriving at the church office in 1994, there was a desk, facing the door, and behind the desk a large, empty computer station. A couple of weeks later, after many conversations, a donated computer arrived for the pastor's use – the editor of the monthly newsletter had recently upgraded their home set-up, and the pastor graciously received the hand-me-down system.

That same newsletter editor / donor considered themselves a computer whiz, and would often “tweak” both the secretary's and pastor's computers, often without notice (this was in the days of software “patches” being delivered on floppy drives). A couple of months later, after many conversations, computer passwords were changed and the editor / donor / tech support / church member was quite unhappy, quite argumentative, and when the pastor explained, again, that boundaries and processes and trust were important and also being ignored, the editor / tech support / church member departed, still quite miffed.

Although middle-of-the-night tech support ceased, the editor / donor / member continued to grumble, and the pastor tried to downplay the situation. Less than a handful of months after the password problem, another issue arose, another discussion became difficult, and the church member resigned as newsletter editor. There was enough stubbornness, between those two people, that neither was ready to leave, so they co-existed. They generally behaved graciously in each other's presence, and the church member soon enough found other activities, eventually admitting to the pastor that “losing the newsletter” had been a good thing.

A couple of years later, after co-existence began to slide toward respect, the former newsletter editor became very sick very quickly, and died within weeks.

A few days after the service, the spouse (of the former editor) came to see the pastor, and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the pastor's homily, for the honesty, humor, and humanity with which the pastor talked about “an admittedly difficult person.” Surprised, the pastor said, “I would not think of speaking badly, regardless of our disagreements.” To this, the spouse replied, “Our family and friends were afraid you would, and we are relieved to know your heart is in the right place.” After a few minutes the spouse departed from the pastor's office, with a smidge of grief off of their shoulders.

That relationship between pastor and church member, the memory of that spouse and their uncertainty, the responsibility of officiating the service of witness to the resurrection, the desire to prioritize grace in the midst of grief; all of that and more came to mind recently, when former public servant Robert Mueller died, and the President's response was “I'm glad he's dead.”

There is no grace in that response, there is no hope or hint of redemption, particularly for all of those who call themselves followers of Christ. This is graceless behavior and that needs to be said clearly and plainly. The debasement of another human being, particularly at their death, ought to be anathema for all who answer the call to “bear the cross of Christ”, for all who celebrate Easter. We are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and raised, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Clearly, and plainly, all.

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		
<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

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

<u>Staff</u>	
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John Sauvey, Director of Music Ministries	john@ridgleapres.org
Dr. Maritza Caceres, Organist	mcacreshb@gmail.com
Caroline Maas, Pianist	carolineamaas@gmail.com
Emily Everts, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator	emily@ridgleapres.org

Church Office #817.732.3388

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Children and Youth **April 2026** Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Easter	6 	7	8	9	10	11
12 Pottery Painting 12-2 pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Fellowship Luncheon	20 	21	22	23	24 Kidquake	25
26	27	28	29	30		

THE YOUTH ARE INVITED TO

PAINT POTTERY



SUNDAY APRIL 12th 12PM - 2PM
QUIGGLY'S CLAYHOUSE @ 5276 HULEN ST

AFTER THE SERVICE WE WILL LOAD UP THE BUS AND HEAD TO CENTRAL MARKET FOR LUNCH. AFTERWARDS WE WILL HEAD TO QUIGGLY'S CLAYHOUSE AND PAINT SOME POTTERY. PLEASE BRING 15\$ FOR THE ACTIVITY.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO EMILY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.



THE NEXT RIGHT THING
KIDQUAKE 2026 • GILMONT • GRACE PRESBYTERY

April 24th - 26th



MOVIE NIGHT
3/14/26



PALM SUNDAY—MARCH 29, 2026



2026 PWR Women's Retreat • Hubert Moss Lake • March 6-7






MARCH 15, 2026
FELLOWSHIP
LUNCHEON
THEME:
ST. PATRICK'S DAY



PWR members enjoyed a field trip to the Fort Worth Christian Arts Museum. One of the highlights was a full-size replication of Di'Vinci's Last Supper, one of two remaining commissions still intact in its original form. The display had its debut in 1956 at the Ridglea Shopping Center.

Presbyterian Women of Ridglea Circle members made Easter baskets for the children at the Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services Foster Care Village in Itasca. Thanks to Kit Van Nostrand for organizing this project.






Fellowship

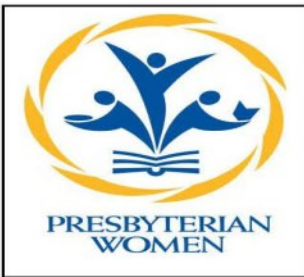
See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
Easter Sunday Light breakfast before worship No Sunday School	April 5, 2026		
Fellowship Luncheon	April 19, 2026	Wednesday, April 15, 2026	

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



Event:	Date:
Dinner/Lunch with Friends	May 2, 2026
Mother's Day	May 10, 2026
Fellowship Luncheon	May 17, 2026
Theme: RPC Senior Recognition	



Circle Meeting Times:

Circle 1: April 14th at Church (Fish Classroom) 10:30 a.m.
Circle 2: April 14th at Church (Eclectic Classroom) 10:30 a.m.
Circle 3: April 7th at Church (Eclectic Classroom) 6:30 p.m.

Just Bring It –April 2026: We are collecting insect repellent (not aerosol) and sunscreen (not aerosol) for DRC Solutions. **These need to be pump, stick, or lotion (no aerosol cans).** The mission of DRC is to provide respectful, responsible, and effective community-based solutions to help individuals and families emerge from homelessness. PWR is also collecting

items for WestAid and the Presbyterian Night Shelter Quail Trail Apartments on an ongoing basis: toiletry items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, wet wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), women’s sanitary products, and pet food. Please place items in the labeled box located near the office.

Looking Ahead:

April 28th: 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>

May 26th: RPC General Meeting – End-of-Year PWR Potluck and Game Day!

August 25th: PW Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church – Featured speaker Dr. Sarah Leer, who wrote the study questions in our next PW Bible study “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other.”

PW Birthday Offering:

2026 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Birthday Offering

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may *abound in hope* by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
—Romans 15:13*

Learn more about the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women by visiting presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

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Since 1922, the PW Birthday Offering has helped carry the message of God’s joy to a hurting world. This year, two grants have been awarded:

1. Women & Children’s Crisis Shelter in Findlay, Ohio: Monies will aid much needed repairs on the shelter including an upgraded water heater and vehicle for transportation to medical appointments, jobs, childcare, and more!
2. Rural Food Assistance Project in Waynesville, North Carolina: Monies will upgrade the commercial kitchen and transform an outdated school bus into a mobile market to reach rural, underserved communities.

You do not have to been a PWR member to contribute to the PW Birthday Offering. Drop your donation off at the church office marked “PW Birthday Offering” or give to your Circle Leader before the end of April.

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.

What does the Lord require of you? ...to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.

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

WestAid
pantry with purpose

The RPC Women are collecting quarters in the Narthex after service every second Sunday of the month to assist Westaid.

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.



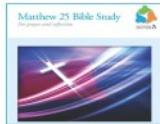
We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for Sundays during the 2026 year of worship. Please volunteer to help with the Sunday morning worship service. Also, if you signed up for a particular Sunday and something comes up, please contact Shiryl Thompson Gillaspie at 817-266-4171 in order to fill those positions. [Sign up https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4ae2ea3f85-ushers1](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.

Mathew 25 Action Team



Quail Trail Food Distribution with TAFB is the 3rd Friday, April 17 at 9 am.

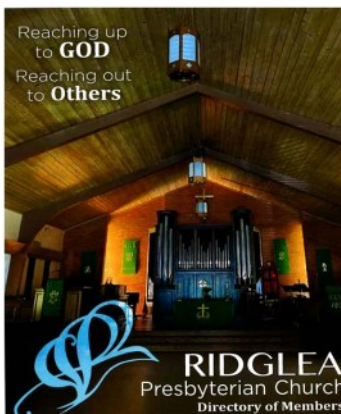
Marsha

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

RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Directory Updates! If you have had changes in your family, or if you did not get your picture made the first time and would like to be included in the Directory please contact Marsha West by April 5 mwest7012@sbcglobal.net. Pictures will be taken on April 19.

(April 26 is a back-up date.) This will be after church. If you have an address change, please let the church office know.

We will provide labels to add to family books to make corrections.



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 2026 Flower Calendar

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!



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Mathew 25 Action Team



On Sunday, **March 29** we held an Info meeting after church. We appreciate those who attended and your comments. Another info meeting will be held on the next 5th Sunday, which is May 31.

Besides looking at our history, we looked at specific ways we are actively involved in serving "the least of these." Another thing we did at that meeting was look at a draft proposal of an Anti Racist/Anti Discrimination Policy. The General Assembly asked Synod's, Presbyteries and Churches to adopt one. Session asked the Matthew 25 Action Team to develop a proposal since we have spent several years looking at those issues. It will go to Session in April. If you'd like to see the draft proposal, please email Marsha at mwest7012@sbcglobal.net.

Tuesday, April 28 is the next Book Club meeting. Melissa Burkhead will lead the first session as we look at the first half of **WHO IS GOVERNMENT? The Untold Story of PUBLIC SERVICE**, edited by Michael Lewis. If you can, read the first 4 chapters for that meeting. Of course, whether you have read any or none, you are always welcome.

We look at the next 4 chapters on **May 19th**, which is not the 4th Tuesday, our regular day to meet. Mark your calendars Now.

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

Marsha

Matthew 25 Action Team

Did You Know?

1868. The 24th Amendment guarantees citizenship to "all persons born or naturalized in the United States"—including Black American and enslaved people who had been emancipated.
P. 65 DO THE WORK: AN ANTIRACIST ACTIVITY BOOK.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3rd Thursday of the Month
April 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



Judy Groulx	8
Sonny McCutcheon	9
Jan Renfro	9
Martin Cleworth	12
Ken Kibler	15
Debbie Odom	15
Shirley Baxter	16
Sonja Conway	17
Thomas Carter	19
Ann Landon	20
Mary Hanson	21
Tom Jenkins	24
Jared Hoaldridge	24
Melissa Burkhead	27
Carla Vega	28
Gordon Ramsey	28
Lilia Briseno	28
Terry Aycock	29
Amelia Keating	29
Avery Baethge	30

The next
newsletter
deadline
will be
April 16 2026
at noon.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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