

At Ridgewood, we are nothing more than real people living in a real world serving a real God.

Here are things that may be different from your previous church experiences:

No Age-Graded Ministries | All God's people - from infants to the elderly - are needed in relationships with each other. We worship together as one big family - the family of God.

Children are Welcome and Encouraged in the Worship Gathering

It is the parent's duty to train their children to participate in corporate worship, including singing, tithing, prayer, and active listening to the teaching of the Word of God. (Deut 31:12-13, Ezra 10:1, Matt 18:1-5, 19:13-15, Eph 6:1-4, Col 3:20) As part of this training process, children may make small noises in the service. These are a reminder "to such belong the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). However, we also have the "Genesis Room" at the far end of the hall set up with video and audio feed for your convenience if you feel your child needs more attention.

We Partake in the Lord's Supper Weekly | We ask that the elements only be taken by professing, baptized believers who are in a good standing with their local church. (Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

We Practice Systematic Exposition | The Bible is God's word and is our final authority in all matters of faith and practice. The music is prayerfully selected based on each week's text of Scripture. (Acts 2:42-47, Colossians 3:16)

Weekly Fellowship Meal | Families of Ridgewood have brought food for their own household and extra to share with visitors. Fellowship is one way we endeavor to 'encourage one another' in our Christian walk. (Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:24-25)

Use this Bulletin Throughout the Week as a Home Worship Guide
God has called you to disciple your household. He has also called His church to encourage, equip, and expect you to disciple your household. Use this bulletin as a home-worship guide throughout the week.

The song of the month is a great place to start with family worship. The prayer guide is a tool designed to guide you and your family in prayer. The catechism/doctrine and home devotions are wonderful discipleship tools for everyone, especially for children of all ages. If you have any questions, the fellowship meal is a great time to get help and encouragement from others. That's what we are here for!

True Life Cards | We encourage you to pick up some True Life Cards in the foyer and give out a few every week. Pray for an opportunity of Gospel conversation with and the salvation of people in the following categories: Family, Friends, Neighbors, Coworkers, Community. Go to truelife.org for more information.

January 4, 2026

Announcements:

- » Wednesday Nights at 6p
 - No Mid-Week Bible Study this week. Bible Study will resume 2/18/26.
- » Night to Shine SETX Upcoming Dates
 - Guest registration is officially closed. Volunteer registration is still open. Register today at www.nighttoshinesetx.com.
 - Save the Date: "Passport to Paris" Night to Shine SETX - 2/13/26
 - THIS WEEK - NTS SETX Board Meeting 1/7/26 at 6p
 - NTS SETX Worknights will begin on Wednesdays starting 1/14/26
- » Baptist Catechism for 2026
 - Pick up your free copy for your household of the Baptist Catechism written in 1695. We will be using this Catechism for 2026 discipleship. Also, for weekly home worship in 2026, purchase for your home "A Commentary on the Baptist Catechism" at <https://press.founders.org/shop/a-commentary-on-the-baptist-catechism/>.
- » NEXT SUNDAY - Church Board Meeting 1/11 @12:30p
- » Extra-Cushion Diaper Ministry
 - Outreach Port Arthur will be distributing diapers the second Wednesday of each month from 3-5p. Contact Savannah S if you would like to help.
- » Operating:
 - Please remember to be faithful in your tithes and offerings (2 Cor. 9:6-7)
 - Offering plates are at the back of the auditorium, or text "\$amount" to 409-239-0774

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Our Purpose... To Belong to Christ

Our Mission... To Become like Christ

Our Vision... To Bear Christ's Fruit



Welcome Guests!



Order of Service: January 4, 2026

Prelude "O Church Arise"

Welcome

Catechism/Responsorial - The 1695 Baptist Catechism - Doctrine of God

1. Who is the first and chiefest being? God is the first and chiefest being.
2. Ought everyone to believe there is a God? Everyone ought to believe there is a God; and it is their great sin and folly who do not.
3. How can we know there is a God? The light of nature in man and the works of God plainly declare there is a God; but His Word and Spirit only do it fully and effectually for the salvation of sinners.

Memory Verses: Psalm 14:1 "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good."

Pray for our Church Body (James 5:16)

Andrea Guidry Household

Pray for Kings and Those in Authority (1 Timothy 2:2)

Local | Charlotte Moses | Port Arthur Mayor

State | Gregg Abbott | Texas Governor

National | Donald J. Trump | President of the United States

Pray for the Great Commission (Luke 10:2)

New Testament Scripture

John 15:1-8, page

Congregational Singing

"Before the Throne of God Above"

"In Christ Alone"

"Take My Life"

Old Testament Scripture

Judges 3, page 202

Home Worship Song of the Month | scan QR code for lyrics

Psalm 1 - (To the Tune of Come Thou Fount)

Message

The Fruit of the Spirit: Introduction Gal. 5:22-23 page 975

Confession/Repentance

Lord's Supper

"All Glory Be to Christ"

Dismissal/Offering

"Doxology"

Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us in the gym for fellowship and food!

Sermon Notes:

