

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

January 5, 2025

Ridgewood
CHURCH

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.

Announcements:

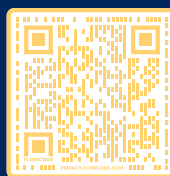
- » Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 6p Resumes February 12
 - Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, 2/12 with a study on the Doctrine of the Church.
- » Night to Shine SETX 2/7/25
 - Register as a Volunteer TODAY at www.nighttoshinesetx.com.
 - Wednesday NTS SETX Worknights will be held in January leading up to Night starting **this week 1/8/25 from 6p-8p**. Pizza will be provided along with activities and work for all ages.
 - NEXT SUNDAY, 1/12/25 - Prom Dress Boutique #2 from 2-4p.
 - Volunteer Training Dates, 1/23, 1/26, & 1/29
- » Church Board Budget Meeting Next Week, 1/12/25 @12:30p
- » 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
 - Annual Meeting Budget Approval, Sunday, 1/26/25

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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 5, 2025

Sermon Notes:

Song "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Welcome

Catechism/Responsorial - Doctrine - God the Glorious Creator

1. Who made you? **God** made me.
2. What else did God make? **God** made all things.
3. Why did God make you and all things? **For His own glory.**

Memory Verses: **Genesis 1:1** "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Pray for our Church Body (James 5:16)

Brian Roberts

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

Local | Thurman Bartie | Mayor

State | Gregg Abbott | Governor

National | Joe Biden | President

Pray for the Great Commission (Luke 10:2)

New Testament Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11, page 980

Songs

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

"All Glory Be to Christ"

Old Testament Scripture

Genesis 48, page 41

Song of the Month | scan QR code for lyrics/video

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" by George Dunfield - 1858

Message

Who is the Christ? | Matthew 22:41-45, page 828

Confession/Repentance

Lord's Supper

"The Solid Rock"

Dismissal/Offering

"Doxology"

Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us in the gym for fellowship and food!



FROM THE BIBLE:

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
(Psalm 19:1)*

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. (Genesis 1:14-15)

TALKING IT OVER:

1. *What might Galileo have learned about God from his astronomical and other discoveries?*
2. *How did Galileo feel about God letting him make the discoveries he did? Do you think that his response glorified God? Why?*
3. *Name one of God's creations that you think glorifies him. Tell why.*