

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

November 5, 2023

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:

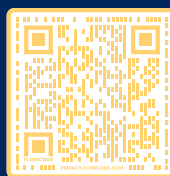
- » Wednesday Nights @ 6p
 - Wednesday Bible Study continues this week, Wednesday November 8th at 6p. We are continuing the Bible Study on the Doctrine of Christ called Christology 101. We will begin a series on the Atonement this week. There will be no Wednesday study on November 22nd.
- » Night to Shine SETX 2/9/24
 - Both volunteer and guest registration for NTS SETX 2024 are OPEN! Register at www.nighttoshinesetx.com today!
 - The first Dress Fitting and Giveaway will be held Sunday December 3rd from 2-4p and Monday December 4th from 5:30p-7:30p. Ladies see Chrissy A if you are available to volunteer for this exciting and memorable event.
- » EOY Church Board Meeting 12/10 @12:45p
- » 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
 - 3rd Quarter YTD Giving: Budget: \$138,750.00 Actual: \$143,779.64

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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: November 5, 2023

Sermon Notes:

Welcome

Catechism/Responsorial Doctrine - God's Ordinances for His Church

123. What is the Lord's Supper? The eating of bread and the drinking of wine to remember the sufferings and death of Christ.

124. What does the bread represent? The body of Christ, broken for our sins.

125. What does the wine represent? The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.

126. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper? Only those who repent of their sins, believe in Christ for salvation and love their fellow men.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:26, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Pray for our Church Body (James 5:16)

Chris Neal Family

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

Pray for Peace in the Middle East

Pray for world leaders, physical needs, for lostness, Gospel access, the Church

Pray for the Great Commission (Luke 10:2)

New Testament Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-20, page 979

Songs

"There is Power in the Blood"

"Stronger"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Old Testament Scripture

Zechariah 8, page 796

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Words by Reginald Heber - 1826)

Message

Power Over Darkness | Matthew 8:28-34, page 813

Confession/Repentance

Lord's Supper

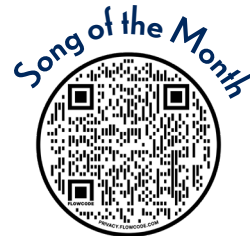
"Slow Me Down"

Dismissal/Offering

"Doxology"

Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us in the gym for fellowship and food!



FROM THE BIBLE:

"The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast." (Exodus 12:13-14)

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:25-26)

TALKING IT OVER:

- 1. Remember what Martin Luther learned in his tower room – that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith in Christ, and that faith itself is a gift of God. How was the Roman Catholic Church distorting this teaching in its practice of the Lord's Supper?*
- 2. What did Jesus say about the purpose of the Lord's Supper?*
- 3. According to Zwingli's Maundy Thursday sermon, who should participate in the Lord's Supper?*