

Welcome to River Ridge!

If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping God with us. We're glad you came and welcome you to join us again!

- To join a **Grow Group** check our website to see the list of possibilities or speak to a pastor or to Jim Sedore, our Grow Group Coordinator.

Need WIFI? Select "RRCOV3", password is lovegrowserve

A note for parents:

A special welcome to you! We strive to be an intergenerational church, and strongly believe that children are gifts to be treasured.

- Please feel free to use the nursery during the service to meet the needs of your infants.
- During the entire service, nursery care for toddlers and classes for 3-4 year olds are offered but not required.
- Children's bulletins are available for young doodlers. You might want to sit at a table!
- K – 5th grade children are encouraged to come up for "Komments for Kids" during the worship, and then are invited to go to their own class for the remainder of the service.
- Middle School & High School students are invited to join the worship service. We believe that students have an important role in our church family.

All kids learn by example, so you are teaching them about worship.

If you are fired up about God, they will be too!

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 8 am—12 pm and 1 pm—3 pm
Fridays: 8 am - 2 pm

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At River Ridge Covenant Church, we believe that everyone is called to a lifelong, upward path of discipleship where we Love, Grow, Serve (repeat)



Sunday, November 27, 2016

10:00 am Worship Service

Offered throughout the services:

Infant/Toddler Nursery, and Mothers' Room

Dismissed from the main service after 'Komments for Kids':

3s—Pre K Class, Kids Club for K-2nd grades, Club 345 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Middle School & High School students participate in the main worship service.

The Heavy Burden Will Be Lifted

The gift of the Lord's reign

Pastor Brian Wiele

Isaiah 9:1-7

Worship Team: Sarah Gutierrez, Bev Smith, Jim Sedore, Mark Cook, Eric Scott, Dan Smith, Gary Melhaff, Chance Smith



Love - Grow - Serve (repeat)

We strive to be an intergenerational church of engaged, compassionate disciples. We'd love to serve you - and to serve with you!

This Week's Spotlight

Monday, November 28: (office closed)

Tuesday, November 29:

9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**

6:30-8:00 pm **Middle School Youth Group**

7:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**

Wednesday, November 30:

6:30-8:30 pm **High School Youth Group**

Friday, December 2:

6:45 am **Men's Bible Study at Hawks Prairie Cutter's Point** (drop-ins welcome)

10:00-11:30 am **Parent & Kids Play Day**



Pass the word...

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You can now give to River Ridge by text message from your smartphone. Simply send the dollar amount to [\(360\) 234-3986](tel:3602343986). The first time you do so, you'll be asked to click on a link to a secure page where you enter your payment information. To minimize fees for the church, we ask you to consider choosing to have the money taken directly from your bank account (known as ACH). You can also have it charged to your credit or debit card. Thank you for your generosity! Watch for more information on this and other giving options. Questions? Contact Dennis Anderson, Church Administrator.

Lemons to Lemonade Donations—The River Ridge Covenant Church Middle School and High School ministries are asking once again for donations of your unwanted new or gently used items for our silent auction. Your donations can be dropped off in room 15, in the Children's Wing. The sales of these 'lemons' will help fund youth ministry activities. Contact Pastor Dan if you have any questions.

Second Family (55+)

Our Second Family group is going through a re-visioning. Watch upcoming bulletins for more info. If you'd like to be part of the discussion email Dean & Jackie DeBell. To be added to the Second Family email list, contact Sue Harwood in the office.

Scrip Gift Cards—Great for Christmas gifts! Remember the deadline to place special orders is Nov. 27.

Please consider purchasing Scrip cards in the lobby for your shopping needs or as gifts. When you purchase our cards, the River Ridge Kids Ministries get a percentage of the proceeds. It costs you nothing over the price of the card. Questions? Speak to the person at the scrip table in the lobby.

Men's Morning Bible Study

Fridays, 6:45-8:00 am at the Hawks Prairie Cutters Point

The Fall is a great time to join in for a rousing discussion and some great coffee as we follow the same themes as we have during Sunday worship. Questions? Contact Pastor Brian or simply attend!

Upcoming RRCC Events

Thanks to everyone who...

helped with the Thanksgiving Food Boxes, Thanksgiving Lunch with Kokua, and the Decorating for Christmas!

Parents & Kids Play Day—next one December 2

1st & 3rd Fridays (not 5th Fridays), 10-11:30 am

We gather in the multipurpose/sanctuary for some great play-space for our preschoolers and enjoy some adult company. Invite other families & neighbors! Questions? Contact Peg Melhaff.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 4, at 6:30 pm

Everyone is encouraged to attend; members of the congregation will be able to vote. We'll affirm the nomination of council members, set our 2017 budget, affirm new members of the congregation and more. Childcare will be provided. A draft of the 2017 budget is available in the lobby. We'll have a Q&A time for discussing the budget after worship on December 4.

Lemons to Lemonade Silent Auction

Begins Sunday, December 4, in conference room 1 (by the main entrance)

You'll see bid sheets in the room to match each item. Write your bid on the sheet, then check back each week to see if other bids are placed on the item. The bidding will close Dec.18 at 11:45 am and winners will be notified that afternoon.

Family Christmas Celebration

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm

We'll be having a pie social and enjoying a concert performed by the A Capella Belles from Jubilee. All ages are welcome. There will be a white elephant gift exchange following for the Middle School & High School students. This will be a holiday treat you won't want to miss. Plan on bringing your favorite pie with you to share.

Children's Christmas Nativity Performance

On Sunday, December 18th, the 4th Sunday in Advent, the children will again re-enact the nativity story during the service (during Komments for Kids). Please sign your child up in the children's wing by Dec.4th.

Volunteers are needed also. First rehearsal is Dec. 11th right after church. Dress rehearsal is Dec 17th at 9am.

Contact Peg Melhaff for more information.

Feeding the Homeless

Saturday, December 17, 8:00-11:00 am

Everyone is welcome. We will be joining Joyful Hands Ministries as they serve the homeless in downtown Olympia. We'll be serving a hot breakfast, a bagged lunch, distributing toiletries and clothes. Meet at the Youth Building at 8am. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 pm. (No service Christmas morning)

Join us for this family-friendly service. We'll celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the Christmas story, singing Christmas carols – some by candlelight – and a special message by Pastor Brian. After the service we'll have time for cookies and cider. *All children are welcome in the service.* Cookie donations are needed for the Candlelight Service. Bring cookies (homemade or store bought) on the night of the service, or drop them by during the week. They can be stored in the freezer as necessary. Questions? Contact the church office.

Church Office Closure:

The church office will be closed the week following Christmas.