

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

## MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you!  
**ALL: And also with you!**

### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Prelude marks the beginning of worship.  
Please observe silence as the Prelude begins*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.  
The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
---Psalm 145: 1, 3, 8

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.**

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

### THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.  
This proves God's love for us: while we were sinners Christ died for us.  
Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood,  
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. -- Romans 5: 6, 8, 9

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 16: 2-15

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SECOND LESSON: Matthew 20: 1-16

THE SERMON: "The Last Will Be First"

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*THE POSTLUDE

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A Note of Thanks.....

"Words are inadequate to express my heartfelt appreciation for your calls, cards and other acts of kindness during my recent illness. Most of all I thank you for your prayers. The Lord has blessed me beyond measure."---Elvin Huddleston

### PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Ray Gaillard, Elvin Huddleston, Nancy LaBarreare, Danny Wilbanks, Calvin Austin, Kelli Willey, Jeanette Harrell, Ticer Brown, Bradley Childs, Cheryl Willis, Lucy Watkins, Norris Howell, Anne Elliott, Leah Miles Harrell, & Joann Garner.

Our Deepest Sympathies go to...

The family of Bobbie Wells

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Billye Mauney, Jean Ketchum, Carolyn Caviness, George McWilliams, Johnny Cappleman, Billie Pickens, Dennis Buss.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2020 Budget: \$2,710.97

Offering Received 9/13/20: \$1,590.00

September Mission Focus | Pastor's Discretionary Fund/TEPA | Goal \$500

Total Collected as of 9/13/20: \$200

## WELCOME & INVITATION

This church welcomes you, no matter who you are,  
where you come from, or why you are here.

We are Christ's people,  
and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide.

If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

We are so glad you are here.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The RPC Office is open Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, & Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. If there is an emergency outside of normal office hours, please contact Pastor Jody at 662.512.8226, [jody.hill34@gmail.com](mailto:jody.hill34@gmail.com) or Lynn Hill at 662.837.6678, [lynnrpc@ripleycable.net](mailto:lynnrpc@ripleycable.net), or any of your RPC Elders.

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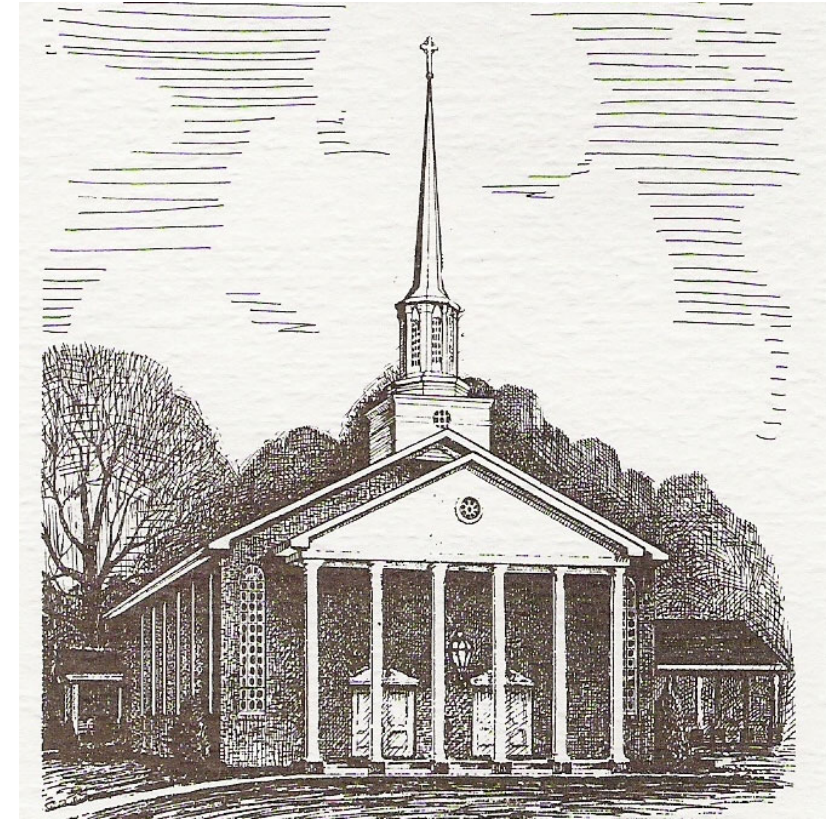
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