

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.. -Ephesians 1: 3

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news!
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him. --John 3:17

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

THE FIRST READING: Micah 4: 1-5

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: John 1: 1-18

THE SERMON: “Light of All People”

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

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Tate Daniel, (Shirley McClain’s brother), Leon Bailey, Shirley & Jennifer Huddleston, Wanda, Billy,
Emily-Parker & Mac Newton, Mike Parker, Pat Stanford, Becky Montgomery, Sherry Farrell, Rita &
Andy Braddock, Randle Beavers, Gail Allensworth (cousin of Randle Beavers), Kent Montgomery,
Shea Scott, Krew Polston, Pat Morris (friend of Judy Austin), Carol Heavener, Eddie Jackson, Larry
Wilbanks, Maxine Tomlinson, Elliott Bailey, Danny Wilbanks, Calvin Austin, Kelli Willey, Ticer
Brown, Bradley Childs, Cheryl Willis, Norris Howell, Anne Elliott, Leah & Miles Harrell.

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 12/27/20: \$1,430.

December Mission Focus | “Christmas Joy Offering” Final Total: \$250.00

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 or Lynn Hill at 662.837.6678, lynnrpc@ripleycable.net, or any of your RPC Elders.

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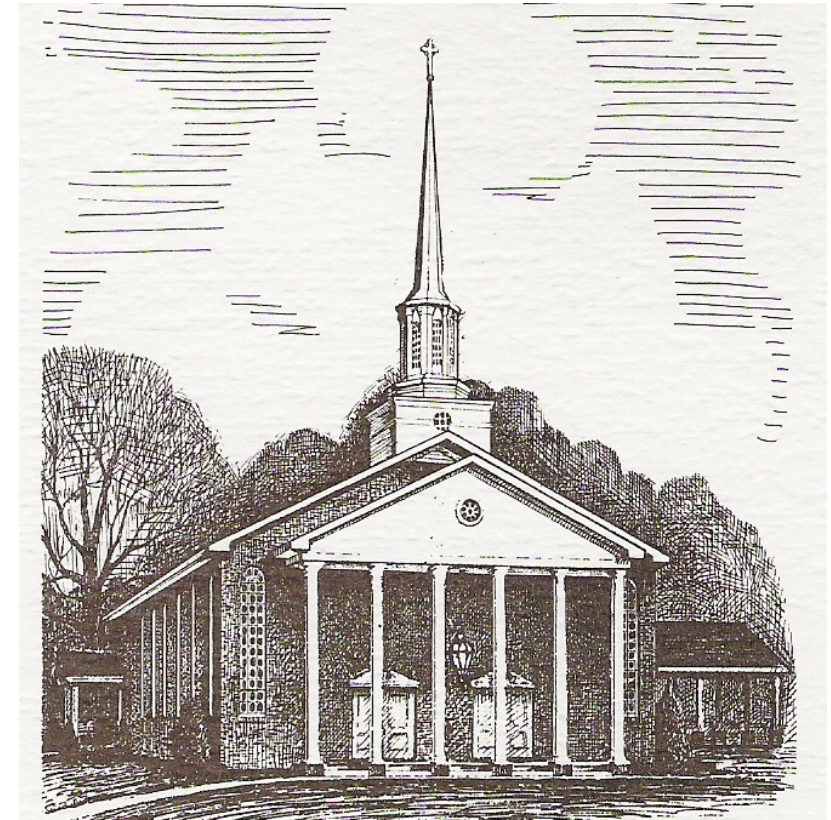
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