DECEMBER 6, 2020 MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." -- Isaiah 40: 3-5

## 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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | PEACE

Benton & Elizabeth Elliott

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Mark 1: 1-8

THE SERMON: "The Beginning of the Good News"

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

Nancy & Joey LaBarreare, Shea Scott, Tony Huddleston, Stan Horton ("Little Stan"), Krew Polston, Sherry Farrell, Pat Morris (friend of Judy Austin), Leon Bailey, Becky Montgomery, 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 11/29/20: \$1,965.00

December Mission Focus | "Christmas Joy Offering"

November Mission Focus | Tippah County Good Samaritan Center | Goal \$500 Total Collected as of 11/29/20: \$1,125.00! Thank you, THANK YOU!!!

Special thanks to Jennifer Huddleston, Anne & Bobby Elliott, Rhonda Hopper, Becky Montgomery, Mary Cates Permenter, & others for their help with RPC adopting 3 children for Together For Tippah's Christmas Drive!

## **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, <a href="Jody.Hill34@gmail.com">Jody.Hill34@gmail.com</a> or Lynn Hill at 662.837.6678, <a href="Jynnrpc@ripleycable.net">Jynnrpc@ripleycable.net</a>, or any of your RPC Elders.

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Poinsettias In Memory of Jimmy Hopper	In Honor of Our Grandchildren  By Hollis & Ann Wigington	Poinsettias In Memory of Don Cousar	In Honor of John Braddock
By Bart, Amy, Clay & Cole Adams	In Honor of our Children	By Jane Cousar	By Pat Ledbetter
In Honor of Pat Hopper By Bart, Amy, Clay & Cole Adams	By Anne & Bobby Elliott  In Honor of our Grandchildren	In Memory of Don Cousar  By Rich Cousar	In Honor of Lorenzo Medford  By Pat Ledbetter
In Memory of Ray Gaillard By Shirley McClain	By Anne & Bobby Elliott  In Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Walter Smith	In Memory of Roy T. Richey  By The Jane Cousar Family	In Memory of Rev. M.E. Gregg By Magalyn Menard
In Honor of Dr. Charles M. Elliott  By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott	By Anne & Bobby Elliott  In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Benton Elliott	In Memory of Bettye Morris Benedict  By The Jane Cousar Family	In Memory of Audrey Gregg By Magalyn Menard
In Honor of Leah & Miles Harrell By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott	By Anne & Bobby Elliott  In Honor of Jane Cousar	In Honor of The RPC Choir By Jennifer Huddleston	In Honor of Jennifer Huddleston By Sharon & Robert Goolsby
In Memory of Our Grandparents  By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott	By Rich Cousar, Donnie & John Cousar, Linda Shannon, Jason, Shea, Reed & Ryan Scott	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Huddleston  By Jennifer Huddleston	In Memory of Grace Goolsby  By Sharon & Robert Goolsby
In Memory of John Harrell By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott	In Honor of My Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren By Jane Cousar	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Parker  By Jennifer Huddleston	In Honor of Lynn Hill By Sharon & Robert Goolsby