

DECEMBER 27, 2020

## MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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 greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ---Isaiah 61: 10

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before You**

**and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours.**

**Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength.**

**Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world.**

**Remind us to be who You would have us to be, regardless of what we are doing**

**or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You**

**and with those You have given us on earth. Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

---Romans 5: 1 -2

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

THE FIRST READING: Galatians 4: 4-7

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Luke 2: 22-40

THE SERMON: "A Light of Revelation"

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 BLESSING

\*THE POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Pat Stanford, Becky Montgomery, Sherry Farrell, Rita & Andy Braddock, Randle Beavers, Nancy & Joey LaBarreare, Gail Allensworth (cousin of Randle Beavers), Kent Montgomery, Shea Scott, Krew Polston, Pat Morris (friend of Judy Austin), Leon Bailey, 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 Deepest Sympathies to....

The family of Elvin Huddleston

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

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

## 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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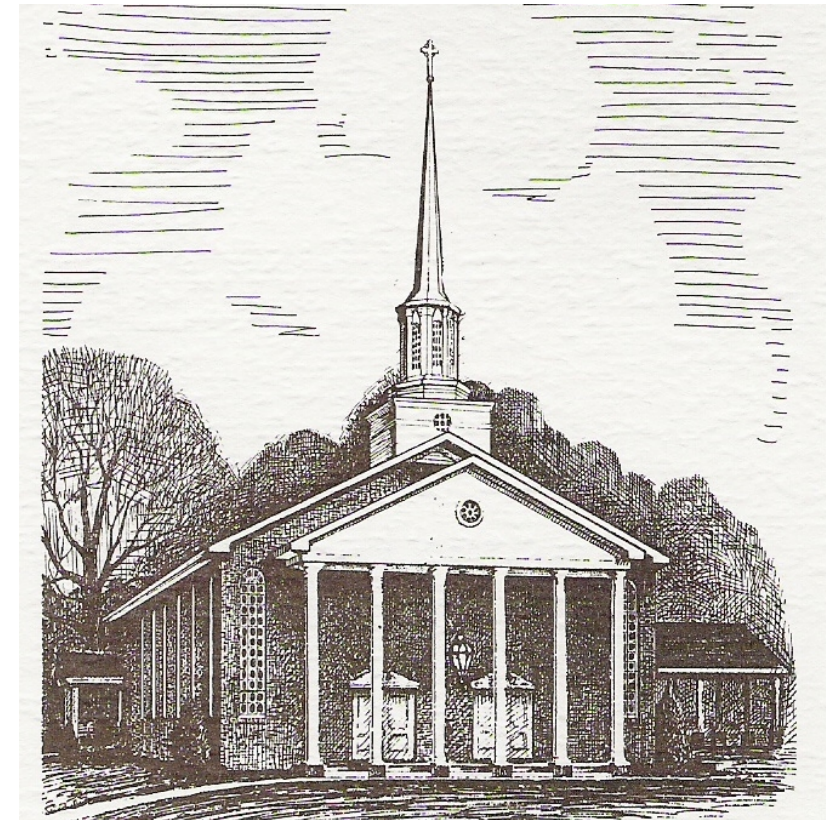
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