#### **FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

## MORNING WORSHIP 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

### 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

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you-the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you-every living creature on earth." ---Genesis 9: 8-10

#### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We confess that we have sacrificed Your goodness for material goods. We have meditated on our problems instead of meditating on Your promises. We have shunned Your faithful love by seeking solace in sinful places. We humbly seek Your mercy, O Lord.

Please forgive our rebellion and ignorance, our wayward hearts and loose tongues. Restore us, O Lord, to the joy of Your salvation and make us willing to obey You. Amen.

# THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

#### THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God, who did not withhold the Beloved Son, but gave him up for all of us. Will God not also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. -- Romans 8:31-34

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

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Mark 1: 9-15

THE SERMON: "Repent and Believe in 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

Helen Clark, Benny Harrell, Velma (Liz) Rutherford, Judy Hines Hopper, Prue Bailey, Jack Steirt (Lauren Gay's son), Charlie Britt, Lynn Daniel Mynatt, Tate Daniel, (Shirley McClain's brother), Leon Bailey, Pat Stanford, Sherry Farrell, Randle Beavers, Gail Allensworth, Pat Morris (friend of Judy Austin), Larry Wilbanks, Maxine Tomlinson, Elliott Bailey, Danny Wilbanks, Calvin Austin, Ticer Brown, Bradley Childs, Cheryl Willis, Anne Elliott, Leah & Miles Harrell.

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents Jean Ketchum, Carolyn Caviness, George McWilliams, Johnny Cappleman, Billie Pickens, Dennis Buss.

FEBRUARY Mission Focus | Tippah County Good Samaritan Center | Goal \$500 Total Collected as of 2/7/21: \$635.00 Please remember we will be collecting for "Souper Bowl" throughout the month of February!

10:30 A.M.

# **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.

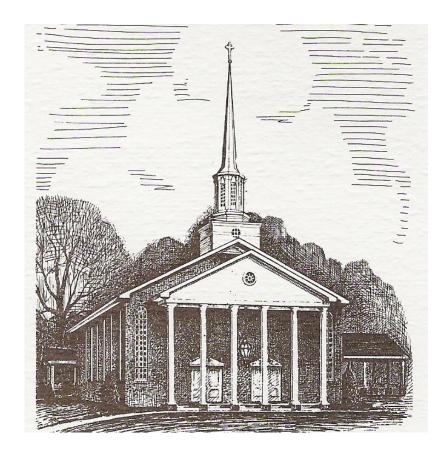
We are so glad you are here.

**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, <u>Jody.Hill34@gmail.com</u> or Lynn Hill at 662.837.6678, <u>lynnrpc@ripleycable.net</u>, or any of your RPC Elders.

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