MARCH 14, 2021 MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

4TH 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

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble....

Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

Psalm 107: 1, 2, 17, 19

#### 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 FIRST READING: Ephesians 2: 1-10

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: John 3: 14-21

THE SERMON: "The Gospel in Miniature"

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

Rayburn Jennings, Odell Gates, Kerry Elliott, Fred Fortier, Mary John Dill, Judy Hines Hopper, Prue Bailey, Jack Steirt (Lauren Gay's son), Charlie Britt, Lynn Daniel Mynatt, Tate Daniel, (Shirley McClain's brother), Leon Bailey, Sherry Farrell, 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 Deepest Sympathies to... The family of George McWilliams The family of Sandra Hardin (Kenny Hill's aunt) The family of Joann Garner (Shirley McClain's sister)

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

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2021 Budget: \$2,710.97 Offering Received 3/7/21: \$2,710.00.

## **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.

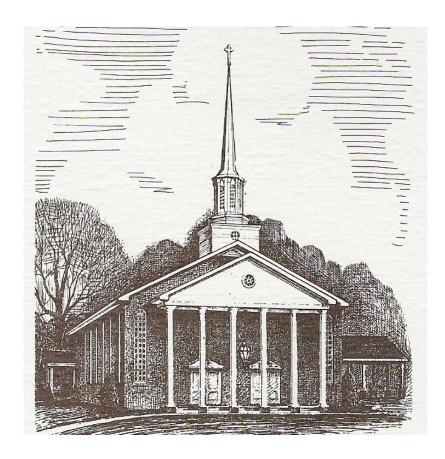
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MARCH Mission Focus | Ripley Boys & Girls Club | Goal \$500 Total Collected as of 3/7/21: \$200.00



- 1 believe in God and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion.
- **1 believe in America** and the American way of life, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.
- 1 believe in fair play, honesty, and sportsmanship.
- 1 believe in my Boys & Girls Club, which stands for these things.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS RECITE THIS PLEDGE EVERY DAY.

IS THAT WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT?





All RPC Presbyterian Women are cordially invited to a bridal shower for Grace-Anne Elliott, bride-to-be of Austin Brown, on Sunday, March 21, 2021 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. This will be a "drive-through" shower held under the canopy in front of the office doors. Grace-Anne & Austin are registered at The Gift of Gab, Amazon, Macy's, Belk & Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Visit <u>www.theknot.com</u> for Grace-Anne & Austin's wedding website.

Please note: In case of inclement weather, the shower will be cancelled & you may drop off your gift with Lynn Hill at RPC the following week.

Hosted with love by the RPC/Presbyterian Women



PALM SUNDAY | March 28 | 10:30 am Corporate worship and also broadcast on the RPC Facebook page.

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES | March 29, 30 & 31 Services will be held virtually (no corporate worship) at 12 Noon via Facebook Live on the RPC Facebook page.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE | April 1 (time to be announced) Corporate worship and also broadcast on the RPC Facebook page. We will also celebrate communion at this service.

EASTER SUNDAY | April 4 | 10:30 am Corporate worship and also broadcast on the RPC Facebook page.