MARCH 21, 2021 MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

5TH 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

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

---Psalm 119: 9-11

### 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: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: John 12: 20-33

THE SERMON: "Drawing All People to Himself"

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

Mike Watson and daughter Randi Watson, Christian Reed, 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

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 3/14/21: \$1,605.00.

### **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.

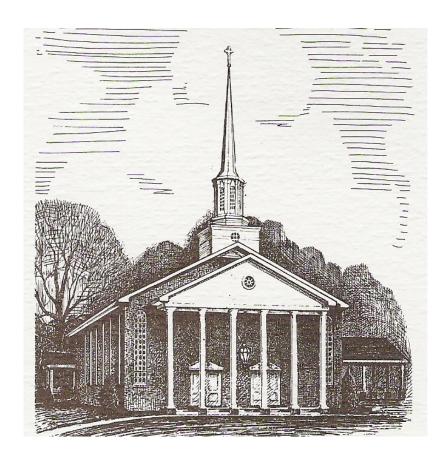
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A Heart for Christ & Community Since 1837 Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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MARCH Mission Focus | Ripley Boys & Girls Club | Goal \$500 Total Collected as of 3/14/21: \$250.00



- 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?



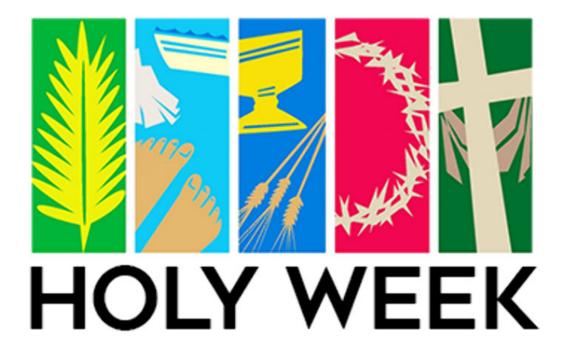


All RPC Presbyterian Women are cordially invited to a bridal shower for Grace-Anne Elliott, bride-to-be of Austin Brown, on Sunday, March 21, 2021 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. This will be a "drive-through" shower held under the canopy in front of the office doors. Grace-Anne & Austin are registered at The 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 | 7:00 pm

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.

### RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELDERS BY CLASS

Class of 2021

Norris Howell

Kenny Hill

#### Class of 2020

Leon Bailey, Bobby Elliott & Deborah Steverson Will Rotate Off (extended) Active Service in June 2021

Class of 2022

Ann Wigington

Steve Willey

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The deadline for submitting You may bring it to worship Please mail your form to:	the form is APRIL 4, 2021.  service and place it in the offering p	late or submit by mail.
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The Officer Nominating Cor		
Session   Bobby Elliott, Leon PW   Monya Hill		Choir   Lynn Hill