APRIL 18, 2021 MORNING WORSHIP

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 A.M.

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

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. ---Psalm 4: 1 & 3

#### 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: Acts 3: 12-19

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Luke 24: 36b-48

THE SERMON: "Proclaim Repentance and Forgiveness to all Nations"

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

Jamie Wall, Brandon & Amanda (Dunaway) Walker & family (Amanda is the daughter of Cathy Dunaway), Gerald Hill, Billy Mizer & Colleen Jackson, Kent & Margaret Montgomery, Frank Gay, David Quinn, Helen Beavers, Mary John Dill, Judy Hines Hopper, Prue Bailey, Lynn Daniel Mynatt, Tate Daniel, Leon Bailey, 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, Johnny Cappleman, Billie Pickens.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2021 Budget: \$2,710.97 Offering Received 4/11/21: \$1,655.00.

### **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.

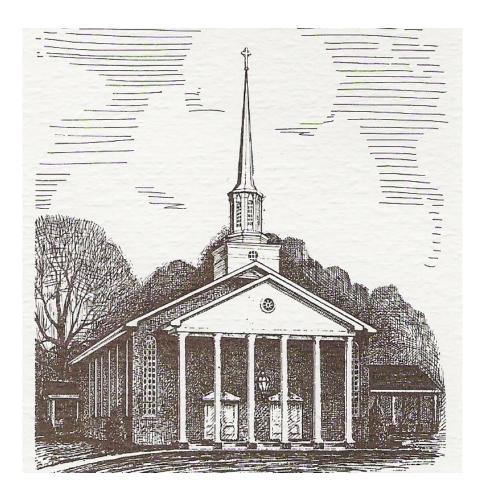
**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The RPC Office is open Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, & Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

RPC Staff
Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor
Jennifer Huddleston | Choir Director
B.J. Horton | Christian Education Director
Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist

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Today, April 18 | Session Meeting in the sanctuary immediately after worship.

April 25: "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering



The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Thank You

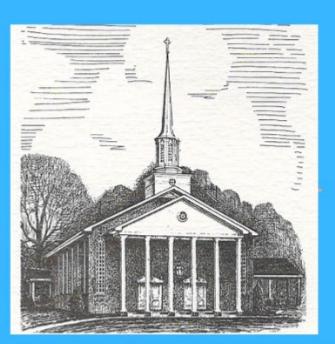
"Dear Ripley Presbyterian Women,

Thank you so much for the wonderful shower. It was so nice of everyone to think about us at this special time. It truly means so much.

Thank you again,

Grace-Anne Elliott"

# A Call to Restore & Preserve



RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL FOCUS: RPC Capital Improvement Fund | "A Call to Restore & Preserve"

Earlier this year, your session voted to set aside one month of the year to contribute toward a fund created specifically for capital improvements at RPC.

Capital improvements include repairs & replacements, special cleaning, upgrades, etc., for our buildings and campus that are above and beyond the regular budgeted items. Memorials &/or honorariums are gratefully accepted. Thank you!

Total Received as of 4/11/2021: \$625.00