

MAY 9, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MOTHER’S DAY

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 *(see insert)*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. This proves God’s love for us: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. -- Romans 5: 6, 8, 9
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

THE FIRST READING: 1 John 5: 1-6

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Acts 10: 44-48

THE SERMON: “The Spirit of Hospitality”

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

David Quinn, Lane Hill Young, Frank Gay, Jodi Rush (MTS seminary), Adrienne Phillips (wife of Pastor Nick Phillips), Jamie Wall, Helen Beavers, *Mary John Dill, Judy Hines Hopper, Lynn Daniel Mynatt, Tate Daniel, Leon Bailey, Maxine Tomlinson, Elliott Bailey, Danny Wilbanks, Calvin Austin, Ticer Brown, Bradley Childs, Anne Elliott, Leah & Miles Harrell.

**Updated address for Mary John Dill:
Pontotoc Health & Rehabilitation Center
278 Eighth St. Pontotoc, MS 38863*

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 5/2/21: \$7,570.00

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

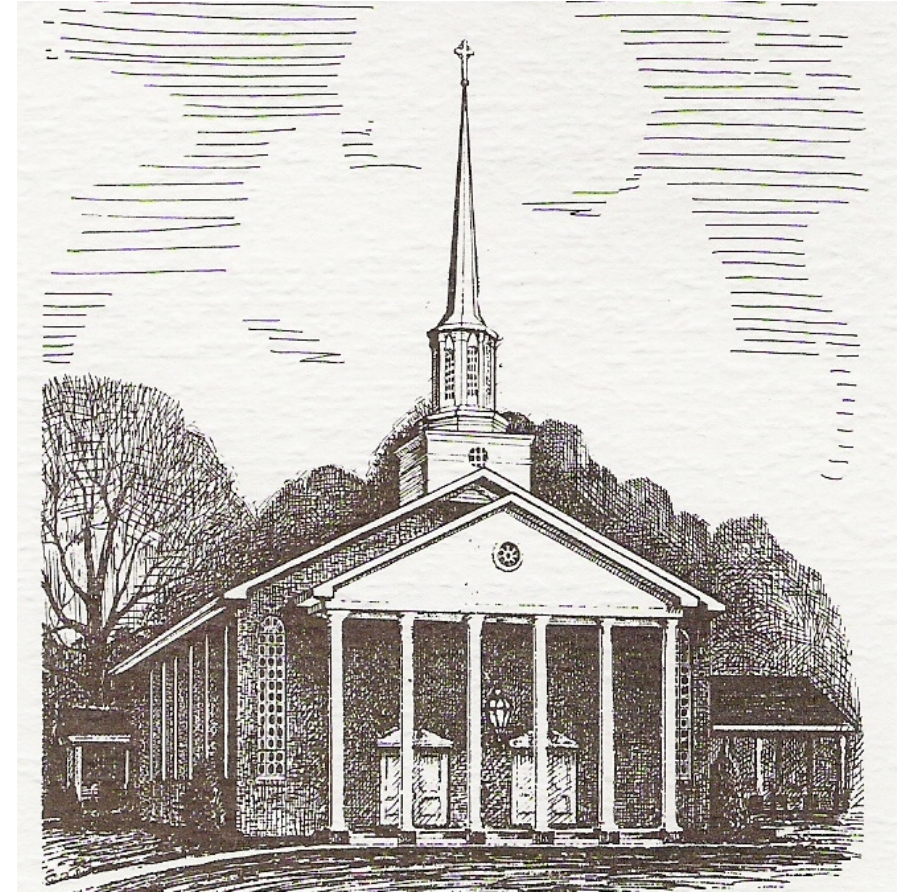
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Jennifer Huddleston | Choir Director

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May Mission Focus | Tippah County Good Samaritan Center
Goal: \$500 Total Received as of 5/2/21: \$350.00



May 16 | SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Luke Hill, son of Rev. Dr. Jody & Monya Hill, is a 2021 graduate of Corinth high school. He was selected as a member of the school's Hall of Fame. He earned the Star Student award and his AICE Diploma with merit as accredited by the University Cambridge in England. He was a four-year letterman in varsity athletics. This fall, he will begin his education at The University of Mississippi where he will study Biomedical Engineering as a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honor's College.



May 23, 2021 | A Congregational Meeting will be held to elect elders for the Class of 2023. The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following nominees:
Elder Class of 2023 | Jennifer Huddleston, Benton Elliott, & Robert Goolsby.

May 23 | COMMUNION

Call to Worship Litany for Mother's Day

Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives.

Isaiah wrote that God is like a mother to us,
comforting and carrying us in her arms:
"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...." (Isa. 66:13)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us.
He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children:
*"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget, I will not forget you!" (Isa. 49:15)*

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

David wrote that in God's presence,
he was quiet and at peace,
trusting in God like a child safe in a mother's loving arms:
*"But I have stilled and quietened my soul;
like a weaned child with its mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me." (Ps. 131:2)*

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother,
longing to wrap his arms around us,
like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings:
*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...
how often I have longed to gather your children together,
as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings,
but you were not willing." (Matt. 23:37)*

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Paul writes about his missionary ministry
and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care:
*"...but we were gentle among you,
like a mother caring for her little children." (1 Thess. 2:7)*

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.