

AUGUST 15, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright,
in the congregation. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Psalm 111: 1 & 10

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: 1 Kings 3: 3-14 (Pew Bible OT pg. 305)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: John 6: 51-58 (Pew Bible NT pg. 98)

THE SERMON: "The Bread of Life"

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 BLESSING

*THE POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Hollis Wigington, Ken, Rhonda & Ty Brown, Shea Scott, Patsy Braddock, Dr. Jack & Becky Bennett,
Lamon McClain, Sherry Hill, Janet Quinn, Beth Medford, Stanley Young, Gail Allensworth, Ali Rae
Barkley, Frank Gay, Adrienne Phillips, Jamie Wall, Helen Beavers, Lynn Daniel Mynatt, Tate
Daniel, Leon Bailey, Maxine Tomlinson, Elliott Bailey, Danny Wilbanks, Calvin Austin, Ticer
Brown, Bradley Childs, Anne Elliott, Leah & Miles Harrell.

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

The family of John Bruce Braddock

The family of Dwight Childers

The family of John Lovorn

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 8/8/21: \$2,670.00

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS | Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund

Goal: \$500.00 Total Collected as of 8/8/21: \$575.00

**Please Note: We will not meet "in-person" for worship Sunday, Aug. 22. Rev. Hill will be out
of town; however, he will pre-record the message & it will be broadcast on the RPC Facebook
page and the RPC YouTube channel.**

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

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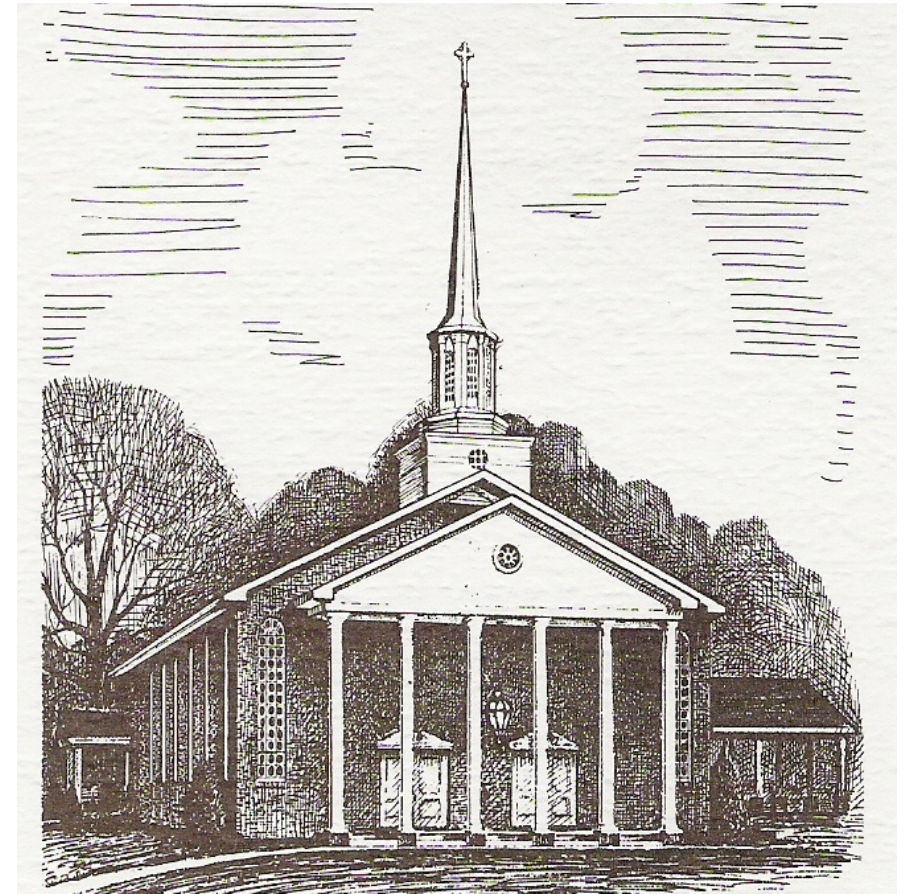
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Jennifer Huddleston | Choir Director

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A Heart for Christ & Community Since 1837

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**THE
CROSS OF CHRIST
PROJECT**

The primary goal of the Cross of Christ project is to glorify God and to share the love of Christ demonstrated to us by his death on the cross. To support the construction of a 120' tall cross at the Sportsplex in Ripley, Mississippi, make a donation by

- Contributing through your local Tippah County church
- Dropping your donation off at any Peoples Bank location in Tippah County
- Visiting the project website: crossofchristripley.com

If you would like to donate toward The Cross of Christ project, you may direct it through Ripley Presbyterian Church. RPC will send these designated funds to The Peoples Bank where a special account is set up for this project.

Dear Pastor,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and I hope things are going great with your church and congregation. You will find in this package a video that we would love for you to watch, pray over, and show to your church. Efforts are underway to build a 120' cross as you will see in this video at the Ripley Sportsplex on Hwy. 4 West (Fred and Elizabeth Smith Memorial Park). This construction project is called Cross of Christ Ripley (www.crossofchristripley.com). The primary goal of this project is to glorify God and to share the love of Christ demonstrated to us by His death on the cross. We believe this Christ centered project will offer the opportunity to impact the lives of thousands of young people and adults also as they gaze upon an unavoidable, overwhelming statement of the sacrifice that Christ made for all of His creation, Heb. 10:10...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for "all", (emphasis added). The desire for this project would be that all churches in Tippah County and/or surrounding churches, all congregations, all denominations, any family of believers that teach and preach the true gospel of the Word of God would come together in unity of heart and mind to help support this project. We hope to reach any and all who might come to know Christ by the impact of the visualization of this cross, even one lost soul.

You can go to the website for more details about getting involved to help donate to this project on the church and individual level. It is our hope that your church would set aside a day in the near future to take up a special offering from your church or even special gifts from individuals to contribute a tax deductible gift to The Cross of Christ Project. We will have further promotional meetings to bring awareness to this project in the near future; you will certainly have a standing invitation to any and all such meetings.

Mr. Fred Fortier has donated this piece of property to this project because of the heart and passion he has for this vision and also, so that we would have no legal or regulatory delays in getting this project started. This is a \$250,000 dollar project and many donations have been coming in already. As a matter of fact, the steel for this project has been ordered already and we have someone who will be donating all the dirt work that needs to be done. We hope to break ground on this project even in the coming weeks, but we still need your help and your heart for the gospel of Christ to make this vision a reality.

One special thing to mention, if your church makes a donation in your church or congregation's name, your church can be added to the deed of the property testifying your commitment and ownership of this project. Each church will also have their name mentioned on a memorial that will be set up on site within The Cross of Christ Ripley Project.

This is going to be something really special for our county in pointing many to Christ Jesus. I hope that this video will stir your heart and the heart of your congregation to get involved with this awesome vision. God bless and have a great day.

Thanks for your consideration,

Chris Lewellen
Cross of Christ Project Ripley