

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP
17TH 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

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

---Psalm 1: 1-3

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: James 3: 13 – 4:3, 7-8a (Pew Bible NT pg. 230)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Mark 9: 30-37 (Pew Bible NT pg. 45)

THE SERMON: “Servant of All”

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

Shirley Huddleston, Jim Yates, Opal LaBarreare, Louise Miller, Lorenzo Medford, Sherry Hill, Stanley Young, Gail Allensworth, Ali Rae Barkley, Frank Gay, Adrienne Phillips, Jamie Wall, Helen Beavers, 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 Dr. Bobby Cook

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 9/12/21: \$2,965.00

September Mission Focus: Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund/TEPA
Goal: \$500 | Total Collected as of 9/12/21: 250.00

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.

Total Collected as of 9/12/21: \$650.00

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

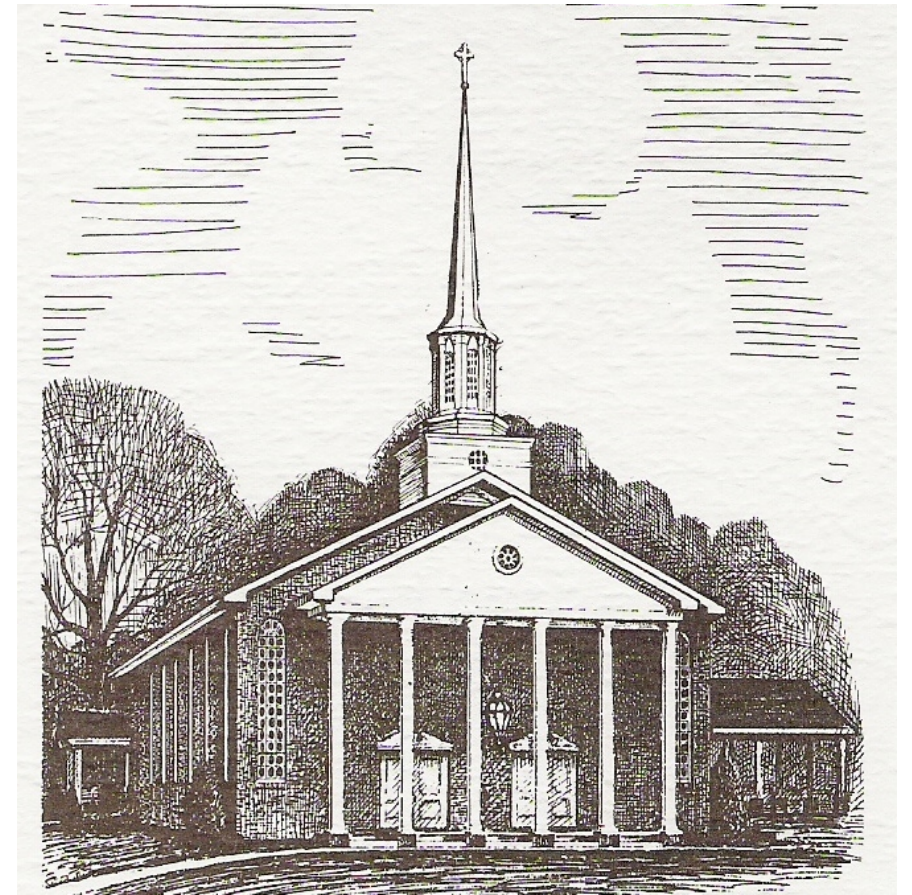
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