

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. Make me to know our ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love  
remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O LORD!                   ---Psalm 25: 1, 4, 7

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:  
**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
Believe the good news!  
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him. --John 3:17  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYMNAL #376

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | *HOPE*                   Grace-Anne Brown & Price Elliott

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 (Pew Bible NT pg. 204)

THE SERMON: “Abound in Love”

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

*\*All Who Are Able Please Stand*

## 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

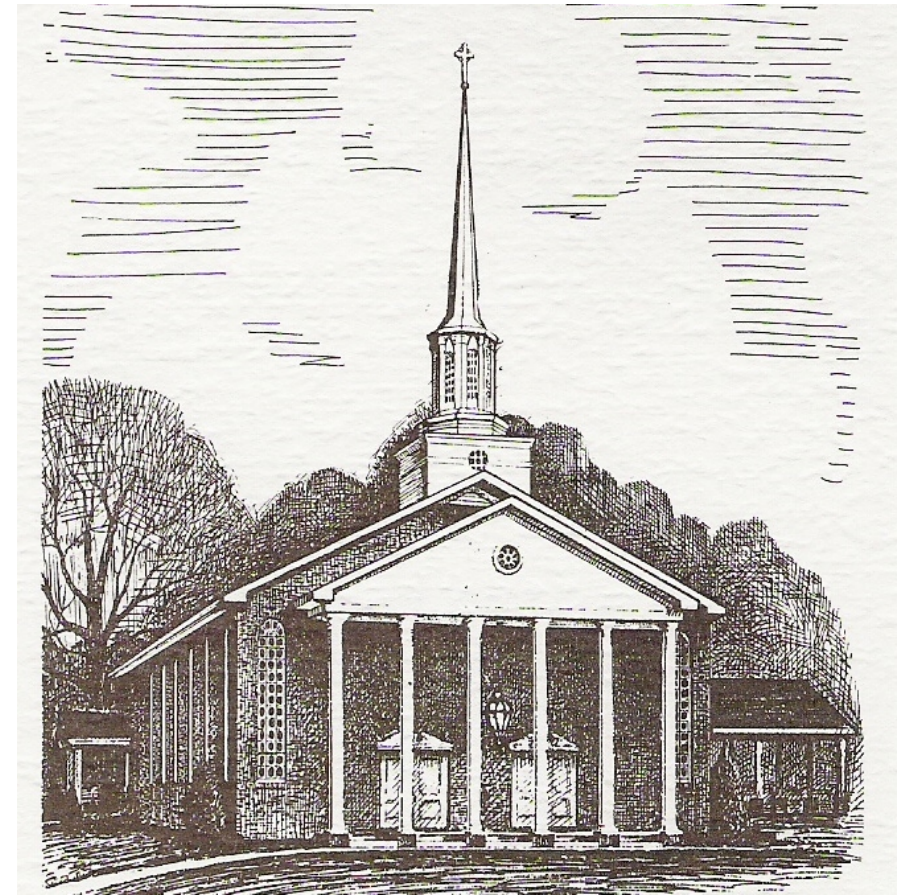
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### PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Jack Jones, Ann Wigington, Brenda Brown, Charles Bryant, Randle Beavers, Brent Henderson, Scottye Stewart, Leon Bailey, Sherry Hill, Danny Wilbanks, Lorenzo Medford, Gail Allensworth, Ali Rae Barkley, Frank Gay, Adrienne Phillips, Jamie Wall, Helen Beavers, Tate Daniel, Maxine Tomlinson, Elliott Bailey, Calvin Austin, Ticer Brown, Bradley Childs, Leah & Miles Harrell.

### Our Deepest Sympathies to.....

The family of Jean Horton Harrell  
The family of J.W. McMillin

### Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Laron Shannon, Jean Ketchum, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman, Billie Pickens, Jimmy & Judy Hines Hopper, Opal LaBarreare.

### RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2021 Budget: \$2,710.97    Offering Received 11/21/21: \$1,515.00

### November Mission Focus: Tippah County Good Samaritan Center | Goal \$500

Total Collected as of 11/21/21: \$825.00

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 11/21/21: \$1,050.00*

### Coming Up....

#### Today, Nov. 28 | The First Sunday in Advent

We will be moving the Chrismon tree from the Gregg Center to the Sanctuary immediately after worship – all those that can help, please do!

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** | Join us to decorate the sanctuary at 5:30 pm! Then join us at The Gregg Center to eat pizza after we finish!

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> | 9:30 am | The Seekers Sunday School class will begin meeting again in the Gregg Center dining area.** Teachers are Bobby Elliott & Cathy Dunaway (alternating months). “The Present Word” study books are available for pickup in the Narthex.

