

DECEMBER 12, 2021

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10:30 A.M.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #40

“Joy to the World!”

GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you!  
**ALL: And also with you!**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | *JOY* Austin & Jenna Hopper, Vince & Paula Jordan

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Infant Baptism of Tatum Grace Hopper, daughter of Austin & Jenna Hopper

PRELUDE *The Prelude marks the beginning of worship.*  
*Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.*

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.  
---Zephaniah 3: 14 & 17

THE LESSON: Philippians 4: 4-7 (Pew Bible NT pg. 198)

THE SERMON: “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

\*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 SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

\*THE POSTLUDE

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*\*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

RPC Staff

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**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Judy Austin, Ann Wigington, Courtney Lawson Brown, Margaret & Kent Montgomery, Tom Muir, Jack Jones, Brenda Brown, Charles Bryant, Brent Henderson, Scottye Stewart, Sherry Hill, Danny Wilbanks, Lorenzo Medford, Gail Allensworth, Ali Rae Barkley, Frank Gay, Adrienne Phillips, Jamie Wall, Helen Beavers, Tate Daniel, Maxine Tomlinson, Calvin Austin, Ticer Brown, Bradley Childs, Leah & Miles Harrell.

**Our Deepest Sympathies to...**

The family of Dennis Grisham

**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 12/05/21: \$8,505.00

**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 12/12/21: \$1,050.00*

**Coming Up....**

**9:30 am | The Seekers Sunday School class are meeting again in the Gregg Center dining area.** Teachers are Bobby Elliott & Cathy Dunaway (alternating months).

**Today, December 12 |** The Infant Baptism of Tatum Grace Hopper, daughter of Austin & Jenna Hopper.

**December 19 | The Christmas Joy Offering**



**Thursday, December 24 | Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Communion Service | 5:00 pm**

