

DECEMBER 26, 2021

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

10:30 A.M.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.  
---Psalm 96: 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: Isaiah 9: 2-7 (Pew Bible OT pg. 638)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Luke 2: 1-20 (Pew Bible NT pg. 58)

THE SERMON: “Good News of Great Joy for all People”

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.*

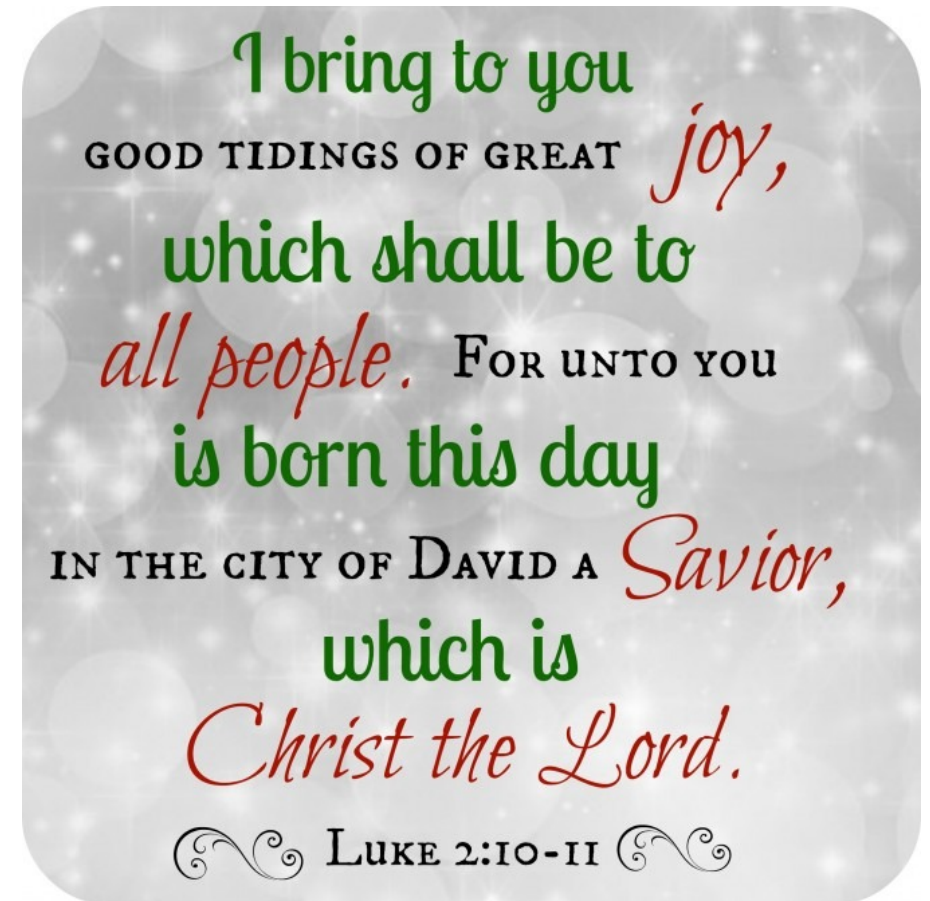
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

*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

RPC Staff  
Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor  
Jennifer Huddleston | Choir Director  
Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist

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## PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Jimmy Gaillard, Judy Austin, Ann Wigington, 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, 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 Jimmy LeEarl Hill

The family of Margaret Ann Smith

### 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 12/12/21: \$1,235.00

Offering Received 12/19/21: \$4,190

**December 19 | The Christmas Joy Offering: \$525.00**



## RPC MISSION FOCUS FOR JANUARY 2022

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE / TORNADO RELIEF

**RPC has designated the mission focus for January to providing assistance to those who have suffered from the devastating and horrific tornadoes of December 10, 2021.**

**Please make checks payable to Ripley Presbyterian Church, note "Tornado Relief" in the memo line, and we will send one check as a congregation to the Presbytery of St. Andrew on February 1, 2021.**



### A Message from Presbytery of St. Andrew | Tornado Relief

Many of you have seen the devastating news coming out of western Kentucky and beyond, after last Friday's tornadoes. In lieu of providing tangible goods or coordinating volunteers at this early stage, the Missions Committee invites individuals and congregations to send financial contributions to the presbytery office.

By receiving money here at our presbytery office, we hope to remain nimble as needs evolve and the long-term recovery picture becomes clearer. Currently, recipients might include Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, direct support to First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield, KY (or Western Kentucky Presbytery), and [Mercy Chefs](#), a faith-based organization that is currently on the ground in Mayfield feeding residents and first responders.

We also wanted to pass along the following, which is part of an update shared on the Presbytery of Western Kentucky's [website](#) on December 14:

*"The tornadoes of December 10, 2021, completely destroyed the Mayfield church and almost the entire downtown, though there were no casualties to church members or their property. However, the property of some of the church members in Princeton, was either damaged or destroyed and other areas of western Kentucky such as Bowling Green and Dawson Springs experienced both significant loss of life and property throughout their communities.*

*...Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) will be in the area assessing needs and the ways churches and individuals can assist. They plan to visit all areas affected by the tornadoes.*