

**JANUARY 9, 2022**

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**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

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.  
May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!  
---Psalm 29: 1, 2, 11

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #398

## “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

## 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.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

## 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

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

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 43: 1-7 (Pew Bible OT pg. 672)

## THE ANTHEM

## THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Acts 8: 14-17 (Pew Bible NT pg. 120)

## THE SERMON: “The Baptism of the Holy Spirit”

## 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.**

## SERVICE OF ORDINATION & /OR INSTALLATION

ELDER CLASS OF 2024 | Shea Scott, Leon Bailey, Bobby Elliott.

## 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.*

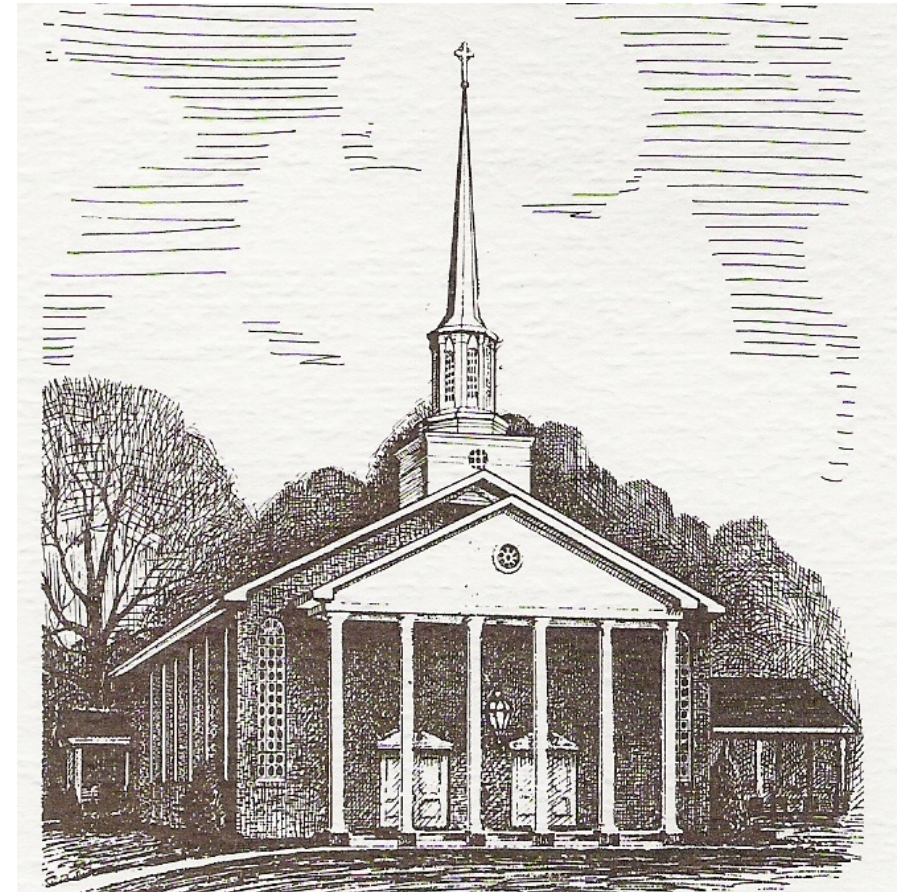
*We are Christ's people,  
and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide.  
If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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

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### PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Rev. Billy Owen, Jimmy Gaillard, Judy Austin, Ann Wigington, Margaret & Kent Montgomery, Tom Muir, Jack Jones, Brenda Brown, Charles Bryant, Brent Henderson, 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 Opal LaBarreare

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

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

### RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2022 Budget: \$2,710.97

Offering Received 1/2/22: \$2,075.00

### COMING UP....

**Please note: RPC Office will be closed January 10<sup>th</sup> through January 20<sup>th</sup>.**

In case of emergency, please contact Rev. Hill, Jennifer Huddleston, or any of your RPC elders.

The RPC/PW Bible study scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to the rise in Covid & flu cases. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

### RPC MISSION FOCUS FOR JANUARY 2022

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE / TORNADO RELIEF

**Total Collected as of 1/2/2022: \$400.00**

**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.*