

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

THE FIRST READING:   2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 (*NT p. 181*)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP | *Psalm 32: 1, 10-11*

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.  
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

THE LESSON: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 (*NT p. 78*)

THE SERMON: “The Parable of the Prodigal”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
and there is nothing good in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent;  
according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name.  
Amen.

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 SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.  
This proves God’s love for us: while we were sinners Christ died for us.  
Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood,  
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. -- Romans 5: 6, 8, 9  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

## 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

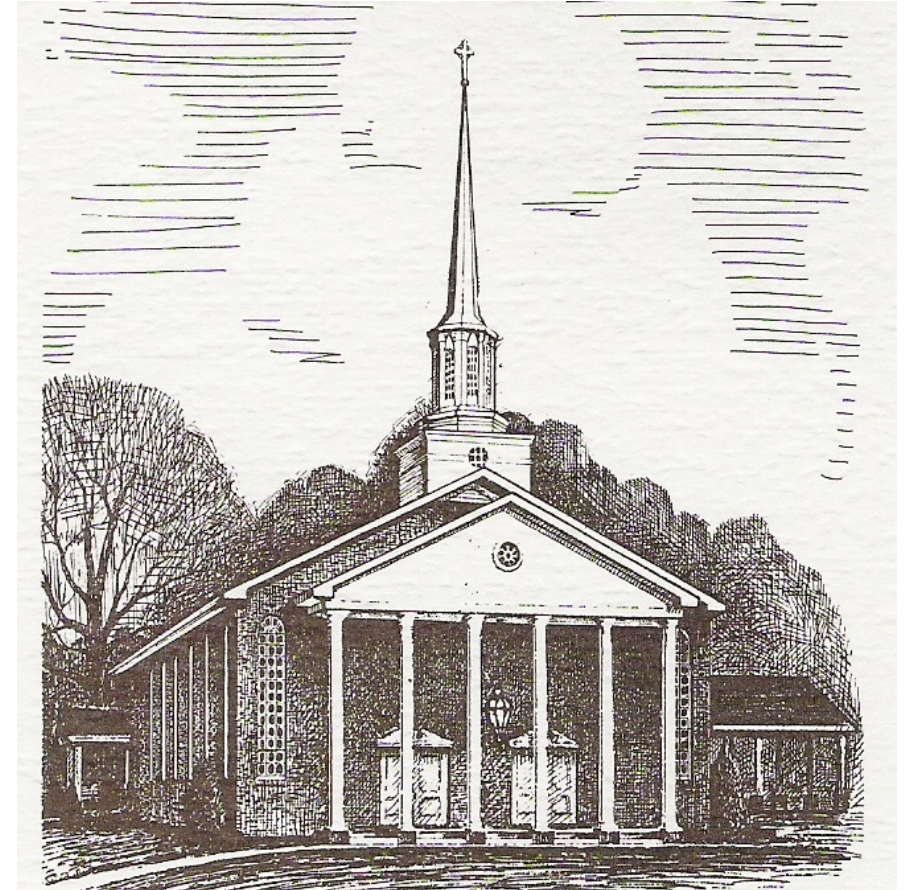
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## PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Neal Jackson, Lorenzo Medford, Louise Kelly, James & Diane Hendricks, Carolyn Jennings, Wayne Steverson, Gerald Hill, Kenneth Hill, Tom Muir, Betty Holland, Tate Daniel, Leon Bailey, Ticer Brown, Rudy & Shirley Brooks, KeeBee Edgeston, Keith Cox, Sandra Love, Sue Gossett, Jimmy Gaillard, Ann Wigington, Margaret & Kent Montgomery, Gail Allensworth, Ali Rae Barkley, Adrienne Phillips, Jamie Wall, Calvin Austin, Bradley Childs, Leah & Miles Harrell.

### Our Deepest Sympathies to...

The family of Joan Berryman

### 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 3/13/22: \$1,317.00

**Nursery Volunteer for March 27:** Jenna Hopper

### MISSION FOCUS | MARCH 2022

#### RIPLEY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

**GOAL: \$500** Total Collected as of 3/27/22 | \$450.00



- Austin Brown has requested to join RPC by letter of transfer from First Baptist Church of Ripley.
  - Donnie Cousar requested to renew his membership with RPC by transfer of membership from New Hope Presbyterian Church.
- Welcome home, Austin & Donnie--we are so glad you are here!

## RPC MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO UKRAINE WAR



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority as PDA is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and others countries in Central and eastern Europe is not--which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. Funds are being used for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc.

**GIVE** | To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, make your check to Ripley Presbyterian Church, and note "PDA Ukraine" in the memo.

**ACT** | Share this opportunity to help with friends & family.

**PRAY** | Our best response is prayer. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
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**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**



# HOLY



# WEEK

2022 VIRTUAL  
COMMUNITY  
HOLY WEEK  
SERVICES

APRIL 11, 12, & 13  
12:00 NOON

RIPLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
FACEBOOK PAGE &  
RPC YOUTUBE

**April 11 | Rev. Dr. Carmichael D. Crutchfield**, Memphis Theological Seminary, Clara Scott Chair of Church & Ministry, Professor of Christian Education, Spiritual Formation, and Youth Ministry, General Secretary of the Dept. of Christian Education of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

**April 12 | Rev. Dr. Barry Anderson**  
Pastor First Presbyterian Church of Paragould, Director of Student Services  
Memphis Theological Seminary

**April 13 | Rev. Dr. Jody Hill**  
Pastor Ripley Presbyterian Church,  
President of Memphis Theological Seminary



## Wedding Shower

SAIGE BLANTON & NOAH HILL

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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305 WEST COOPER ST RIPLEY MS

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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*All of the women of the RPC  
congregation are invited to attend!*