

JANUARY 1, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	10:30 A.M.	*THE GLORIA PATRI	HYMNAL #579
GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you! ALL: And also with you!			THE FIRST READING   Ephesians 3: 1-12 (NT p. 193)	
THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	
PRELUDE <i>The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.</i>			THE ANTHEM	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---Isaiah 60:1-3 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.			THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE “We Three Kings of Orient Are”			THE SERMON TEXT   Matthew 2: 1-12 (NT p. 2)	
THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Almighty and merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, Yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins And remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.			THE SERMON TITLE   “The Light of the World”	
THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN			*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 DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ---Psalm 103: 8-12			THE OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY	
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.			*THE DOXOLOGY	
			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER	
			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “The First Nowell”	
			THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	
			*PASSING THE PEACE AND BEARING CHRIST’S PEACE TO THE WORLD	
			*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.*

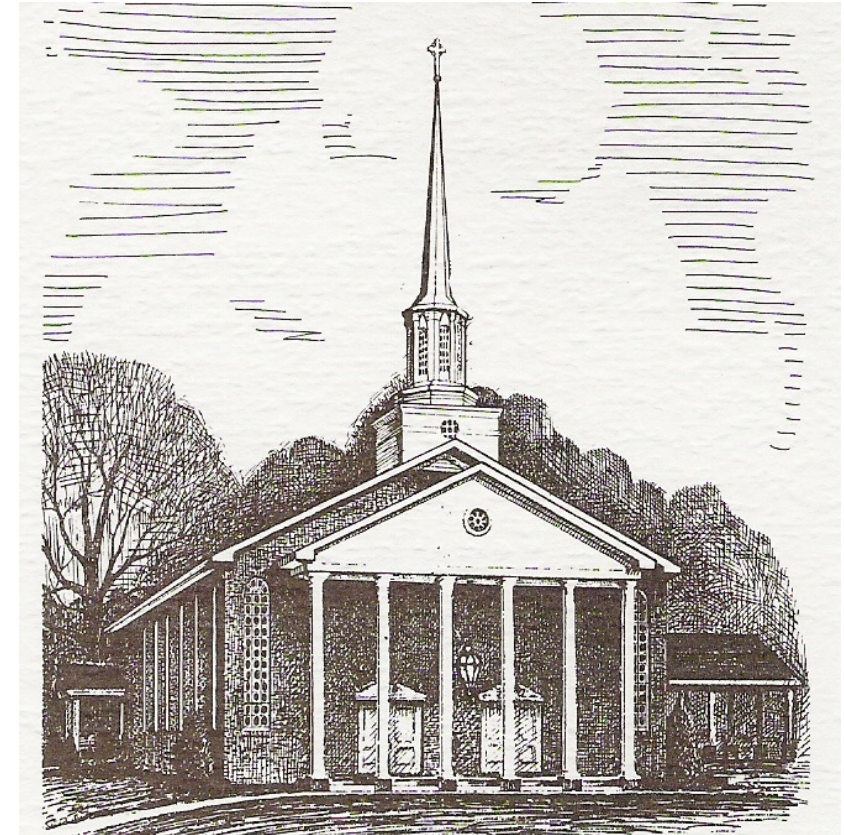
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

*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 | Director of Music  
Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist

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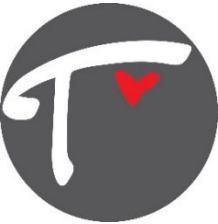
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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COMING UP...



January Mission Focus | “Together for Tippah”

Together for Tippah is a 501©3 non-profit organization founded in 2015 by Tippah County Residents whose goal is to provide help to those who are in need in our community.

Christmas Joy Offering Final Total: \$1,125.00



Jan 8 | Elder Installation for the Class of 2025 | Dr. Norris Howell & Kenny Hill

Jan 8 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Jan 9 | RPC Presbyterian Women Bible Study | 10 AM | Gregg Center

*Lynn Howell will lead our study: Lesson #4 “Ruth & Naomi”.*

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

**Our children’s Sunday School class** is offered from 10:00 -10:20 am every Sunday in the Education Building. Teachers Elizabeth Elliott, B.J. Horton, & Grace-Anne Brown will participate on a rotating schedule.

*We Are Pleased to Share...*

Significant improvements to our audio and video equipment have been made possible by a gracious contribution in honor of the longtime leadership of Elders Leon M. Bailey, Jr., and Elvin Huddleston. This gift will celebrate their memory and improve the quality of our virtual worship experience & outreach. RPC was also the recipient of a Technology Grant through the Presbytery of St. Andrew. These funds will also go to this project.

We invite those who would like to provide leadership in this new ministry to inquire to Lynn Hill, RPC Administrator. Text 662-827-6678, or email [lynn@xcavators-inc.com](mailto:lynn@xcavators-inc.com).

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Wanda Wilson (sister of Gayle Childers), Sandra Love, Mike Carter, Shirley McClain, Anne Elliott, Jovie Hill (infant daughter of Reed & Kelsey Hill), Johnny Daniel, Haley Loveless, Cathi Watson, Barbara Martin, Ali Rae Barkley, Clay Beaty, Jennifer Wilson, Dusty Rowland, Jane Kilzer, Angie Leisure Beavers, Betty Windham, Lenox Kennamore, Destiny Parker Hurley, Jean Hall, Gayle & Harvey Childers, Frank Gay, Lori Chapman, Teresa Sharp, Calvin Austin, Bradley Childs, Leah & Miles Harrell.

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

Laron Shannon, Jean Ketchum, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman.

**RPC Weekly Financial Update**

RPC Weekly 2022 Budget: \$2,710.97

Offering Received 12/25/22: \$700.00

Worship Attendance 12/25/22: 20

**Nursery Volunteers** (10:30 Worship Service)

Jan 1: Grace-Anne Brown

Jan 8: Jenna Hopper

Jan 15: Elizabeth Elliott

Jan 22: B.J. Horton

Jan 29: Need volunteer

**PASTORAL VISITS**

Pastor Jody will be in the church office on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings before worship. If you would like to schedule a pastoral visit on one of those days, please contact him or Lynn at the office to do so (662-837-3765). You can also request an in-home visit at another time more convenient to your schedule.