

JANUARY 8, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.	*THE GLORIA PATRI	HYMNAL #579
BAPTISM OF THE LORD			THE FIRST READING Matthew 3: 13-17 <i>(NT p.2)</i>	
GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you! ALL: And also with you!			TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	
THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			THE ANTHEM	
PRELUDE <i>The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.</i>			THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP --- <i>Psalm 29: 2, 7, 8</i> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.			THE SERMON TEXT Isaiah 42: 1-9 <i>(OT p. 670)</i>	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE			THE SERMON TITLE “The Baptism of our Lord”	
“To God Be the Glory”			*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 PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.			THE OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY	
THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN			*THE DOXOLOGY	
THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Believe the good news! God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. --John 3:17 Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. ALL: Thanks be to God!			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER	
			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE	
			HYMNAL #310	
			“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” vs. 1-4	
			The Installation of the Elder Class of 2024 and 2025	
			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.*

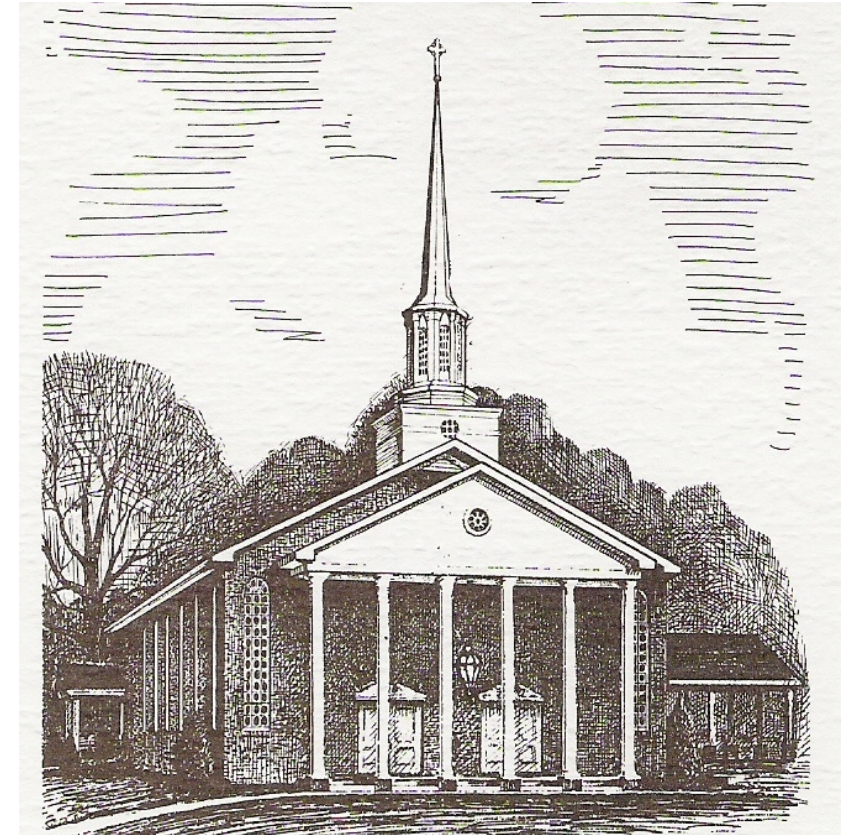
*We are Christ's people,
and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide.
If you are passing through, Godspeed;
if you are looking for a home, stay here;
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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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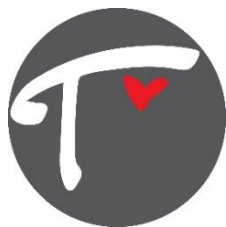
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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COMING UP...



January Mission Focus | “Together for Tippah”

Goal: \$500 | Total Collected as of 1/1/2023: \$150.00
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.

Jan 8 | Elder Installation for the Class of 2024 and Class of 2025
Shea Scott, 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!*

Jan 11 | “The Journey” Bible Study | 6:00 pm
Via Facebook Live on the RPC Facebook Group

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. Also, RPC applied for and was awarded 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.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS
Johnny McElwain, 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 Deepest Sympathies to...
The family of Mitchell Hurt
The family of Wanda Wilson (sister of Gayle Childers)
The family of Kyle Reese Jordan
The family of Mark Lindsey

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents
Laron Shannon, Jean Ketchum, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman.

RPC Weekly Financial Update
RPC Weekly 2023 Budget: \$2,710.97
Offering Received 1/01/23: \$5,355.00
Worship Attendance 1/01/23: 52

Nursery Volunteers *(10:30 Worship Service)*
Jan 8: Jenna Hopper
Jan 15: Elizabeth Elliott
Jan 22: B.J. Horton
Jan 29: Need volunteer

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.

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.