

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 ---*Psalm 40: 1-3*
I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #466

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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 49: 1-7 (*OT p.679*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 1: 29-42 (*NT p. 92*)

THE SERMON TITLE | “The Lamb of God”

***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 OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

HYMNAL #370

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

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.*

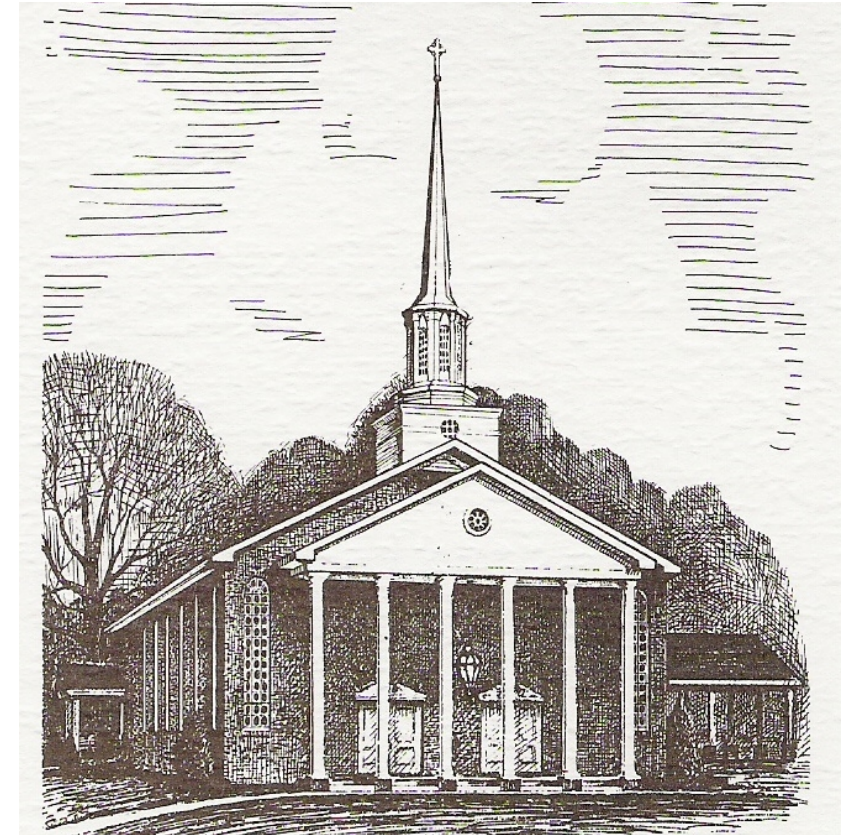
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;
if you are looking for a home, stay here;
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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

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COMING UP...



Our children’s Sunday School class has a new home & a new time to meet! They will now meet upstairs in the Gregg Center from 9:30 -10:15 am every Sunday. Teachers Elizabeth Elliott, B.J. Horton, & Grace-Anne Brown will participate on a rotating schedule.



January Mission Focus | “South Tippah District Lunch Fund”
Goal: \$500 | Total Collected as of 1/8/2023: \$150.00
At our session meeting Sunday, we were alerted to the fact that there are ST students that do not have the funds to pay for their lunch. The decision was unified that this was an opportunity for our church to help, so we will change our January Mission Focus to gathering funds to meet this need. These funds (and all of the January Mission funds donated prior to this meeting) will assist any student in the South Tippah District school system that does not have the money to pay for their lunch, or that has an outstanding bill that cannot be paid by their parents or caregivers.
We trust that our congregation will understand the urgency of this mission and will be happy to help. *Please be advised that “Together for Tippah” will be our Mission Focus in April 2023.*

Jan 18 | “The Journey” Bible Study | 6:00 pm
Via Facebook Live on the RPC Facebook Group

Jan 22 | “Fourth Sunday Lunch Club” | Immediately after worship service.

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.



A Note of Thanks...

We would like to thank Luke Hill & Reed Scott for volunteering their help for SO many tasks that needed completing around the church campus and buildings! From moving furniture, helping set up the new Children’s Sunday school room, cleaning the Gregg Center back patio, packing away all the Christmas decorations & assisting putting away the tree (also had help from Kenny, Keaton & Nolan Hill! Thank you, guys!), to moving all the Coats for Kids materials from the Gregg Center gym to the old sanctuary & cleaning up--together, they logged in over 20 hours of service for their church during their Christmas break. Thank you both so very much! Mrs. Lynn is going to miss you when you head back to Oxford! Have a wonderful spring semester!

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Justin Mauney, Helen Parks, Imogene Hardin, Stan Horton, Eli Johnson (Corinth High School), Johnny McElwain, Shirley McClain, Anne Elliott, Johnny Daniel, Haley Loveless, Cathi Watson, Ali Rae Barkley, Clay Beaty, Jennifer Wilson, Jane Kilzer, Angie Leisure Beavers, Betty Windham, Lenox Kennamore, Destiny Parker Hurley, Gayle & Harvey Childers, Lori Chapman, Calvin Austin, Leah & Miles Harrell.

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

The family of Sandra Love
The family of Jean Ketchum

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 1/08/23: \$3,658.00
Worship Attendance 1/08/23: 52

Nursery Volunteers (10:30 Worship Service)

Jan 15: Elizabeth Elliott
Jan 22: B.J. Horton
Jan 29: Need volunteer