

JANUARY 22, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP 3 RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	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 1 Corinthians 1: 1-18 (NT p.166)	
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 --- <i>Isaiah 9: 2-4</i> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian			THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”			THE SERMON TEXT Matthew 4: 12-23 (NT p. 3)	
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 SERMON TITLE “Fish for People”	
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 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 OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY	
			*THE DOXOLOGY	
			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER	
			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “O Jesus, I Have Promised”	
			HYMNAL #388	
			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.*

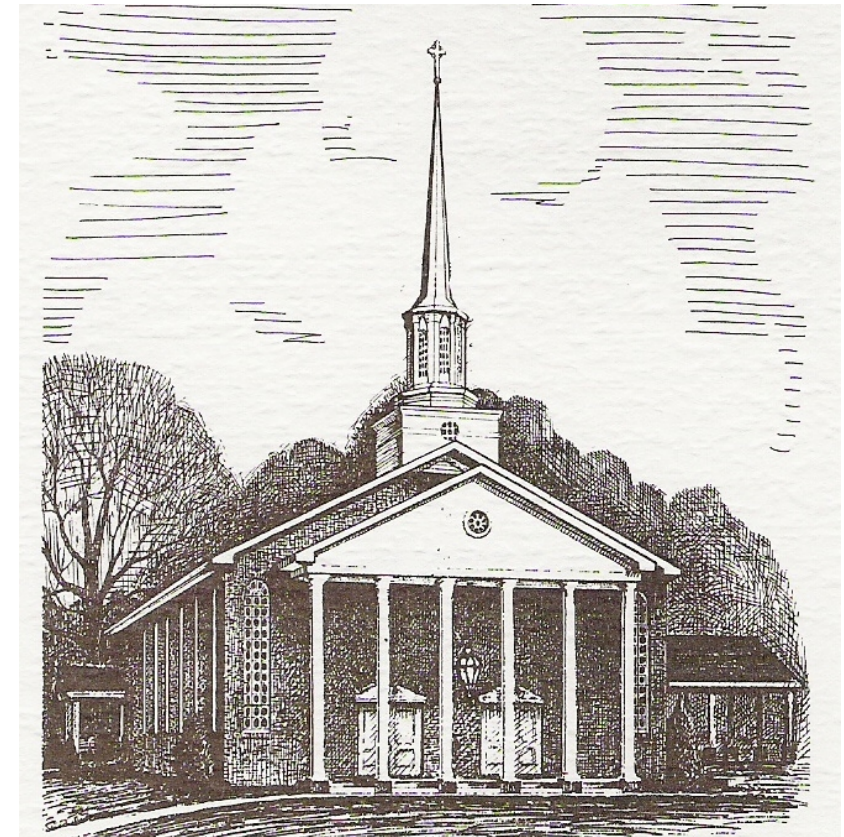
*We are Christ's people,
and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide.
If you are passing through, Godspeed;
if you are looking for a home, stay here;
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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...

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

Jan. 25 | “The Journey” Bible Study | 6:00 pm

Via Facebook Live on the RPC Facebook Group

Jan. 29 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

The RPC/PW “Flower Fund” is designated to provide our beautiful floral arrangement each Sunday. If you would like to contribute toward this fund, please mark your contribution “RPC/PW Flower Fund” and place in the offering plate during our offertory.



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 1/15/2023: \$773.00

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.*

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 Gloria Elliott

The family of Sandra Love

The family of Jean Ketchum

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Laron Shannon, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2023 Budget: \$2,710.97

Offering Received 1/15/23: \$1,328.00

Worship Attendance 1/15/23: 42

Nursery Volunteers (10:30 Worship Service)

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.