**FEBRUARY 5, 2023** 

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

5<sup>TH</sup> 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 --- Isaiah 58: 5-7

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #281

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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 SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

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

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

**HYMNAL #579** 

THE FIRST READING | 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 (NT p.166)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 5: 13-20 (NT p. 4)

THE SERMON TITLE | "The Light of the World"

\*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 #276** 

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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.

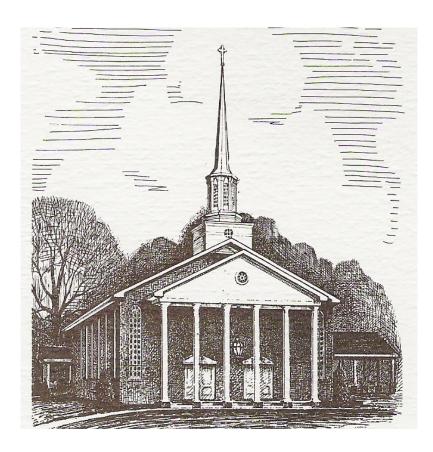
We are so glad you are here.

**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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#### **COMING UP**

Feb. 8 | "The Journey" Bible Study | 6:00 pm Via Facebook Live on the RPC Facebook Group

Feb 12 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Feb 19 | COMMUNION

January Mission Focus | "South Tippah District Lunch Fund"

Goal: \$500 | Final Total Collected: \$1,573.00

THANK YOU!

#### FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS: TIPPAH COUNTY GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER



# tacklehunger.org

Please Give Generously on

# "SOUPERBOWL" SUNDAY

February 12, 2023 & throughout the month of February

Every dollar donated goes to THE TIPPAH COUNTY GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

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.

#### PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Doris Moffitt, Lorenzo Medford, Bobby Benson, Lamon McClain, Clyde Ray Roberson, Olivia Pounders (daughter of Brad & April Pounders), Justin Mauney, Helen Parks, Imogene Hardin, Eli Johnson (Corinth High School), Johnny McElwain, Anne Elliott, Johnny Daniel, Haley Loveless, Cathi Watson, Ali Rae Barkley, Clay Beaty, Jennifer Wilson, Jane Kilzer, Angie Leisure Beavers, Lenox Kennamore, Destiny Parker Hurley, Gayle & Harvey Childers, Lori Chapman, Calvin Austin, Leah & Miles Harrell.

## Our Deepest Sympathies to...

The family of Tyre Nichols
The family of Betty Windham

# 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 1/29/23: \$2,062.00 Worship Attendance 1/29/23: 41

# Nursery Volunteers (10:30 Worship Service)

2/5: Grace-Anne Brown 2/12: Jenna Hopper 2/19: Elizabeth Elliott 2/26: B.J. Horton

#### 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.