

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

## MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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 32: 1 & 11*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

**"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"**

HYMNAL #145

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him,  
now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;  
forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;  
through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

*The Book of Common Worship, 1946*

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling,  
to make you stand without blemish in the presence of glory with rejoicing,  
to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever.  
Amen. ---*Jude 24-25*

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 | Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 (*OT p.2*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Romans 5: 12-19 (*NT p. 156*)

THE SERMON TITLE | "The Free Gift"

\*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

**"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"**

HYMNAL #341

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*PASSING THE PEACE AND BEARING CHRIST'S PEACE TO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE

*\*All Who Are Able Please Stand*

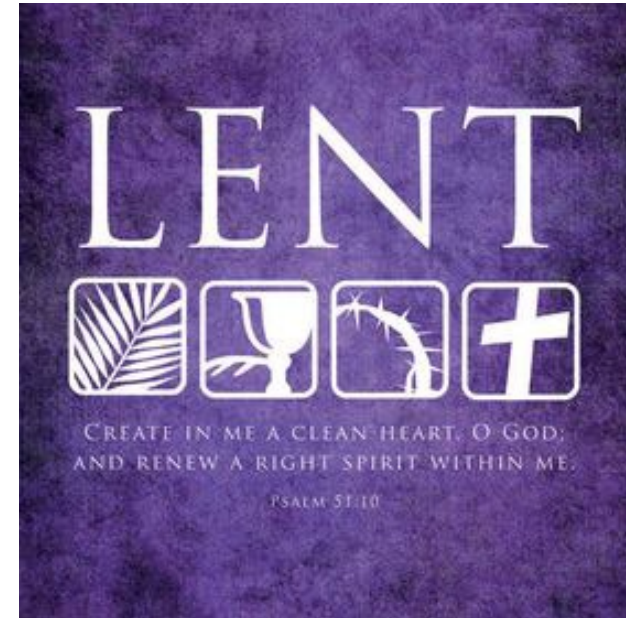
## WELCOME & INVITATION

*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. 26 – Apr. 2 | Inquirers/New Members Class | 9:30 am | Gregg Center

Dr. Rev. Jody Hill will lead this class for those considering church membership or interested in exploring Christian discipleship.

### Today, Feb. 26 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

Come join us as we prepare for “A Journey Through Lent in Scripture & Song” that will be presented Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 pm!

If you would like to receive our “RPC Weekly Update” email, please send your email address to [lynn@xcavators-inc.com](mailto:lynn@xcavators-inc.com) (Lynn Hill), and she will sign you up!

## FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS:

### TIPPAH COUNTY GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Total Collected as of 2/19/2023: \$990.00



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

Please Give Generously on

## “SUPERBOWL” SUNDAY

February 12, 2023 & throughout the month of February

Every dollar donated goes  
to THE TIPPAH COUNTY  
GOOD SAMARITAN  
CENTER

## PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Those affected by the recent tornado, Dusty Rowland, Jim Mountjoy, Frank Gay, Jerry McLemore, Wanda Newton, Berkley Downs, Tina Sanford, Stephanie Nichols, Beth Hill, Randall Huddleston, Josh Reaves, Bobby Benson, Olivia Pounders, Justin Mauney, 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 Dot Watson

The family of Jimmy Gaillard

The family of Terry McClusky

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

Lorenzo Medford, Laron Shannon, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman.

### RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2023 Budget: \$2,860.29

Offering Received 2/19/23: \$2,797.00

Worship Attendance 2/19/23: 80

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

3/5: Grace-Anne Brown

3/12: Jenna Hopper

3/19: Elizabeth Elliott

3/26: B.J. Horton

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.

### 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.