MARCH 12, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

3RD 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 95: 1-3

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #366

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

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 GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

THE FIRST READING | Romans 5: 1-11 (NT p.155)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 4: 5-42 (NT p. 95)

THE SERMON TITLE | "Living Water"

*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 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Book of Common Worship

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,
You have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

HYMNAL #398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

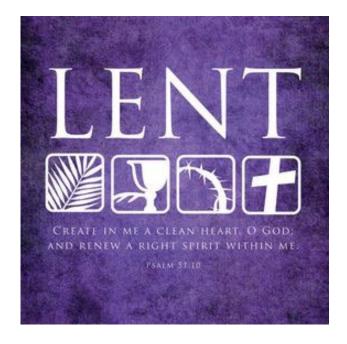
*THE POSTLUDE

*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.



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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, March 12 | COMMUNION

Today, March 12 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Today, March 12 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

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

March 13 | RPC/Presbyterian Women's Bible Study | 10:00 am | Gregg Center All women of the congregation are invited to attend!

March 15 | "The Journey" Bible Study | 6:00 pm | RPC Facebook page (live)

March 26 | Final date to order Easter Lilies (see insert).

Looking ahead...

April 2 | "A Journey Through Lent in Scripture & Song" | 4:00 pm

April 3-5 | Holy Week Services | 6:00 pm

April 6 | Maundy Thursday | Tenabrae Service and Communion | 7pm

MARCH MISSION FOCUS | RPC "TIPPAH STRONG"

Natural Disaster Recovery Fund

Goal: \$500 Total Collected as of 3/5/2023: \$575.00

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

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 Ellen Stubbs

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 3/5/23: \$5,343.00 Worship Attendance 3/5/23: 70

Nursery Volunteers (10:30 Worship Service)

3/5: Grace-Anne Brown 3/12: Jenna Hopper 3/19: Elizabeth Elliott 3/26: 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.