

MARCH 19, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

4TH 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 23: 1-3*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #280

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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 | 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 (*OT p.259*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 9: 1-41 (*NT p. 102*)

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 #324

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

*THE POSTLUDE

**All Who Are Able Please Stand*

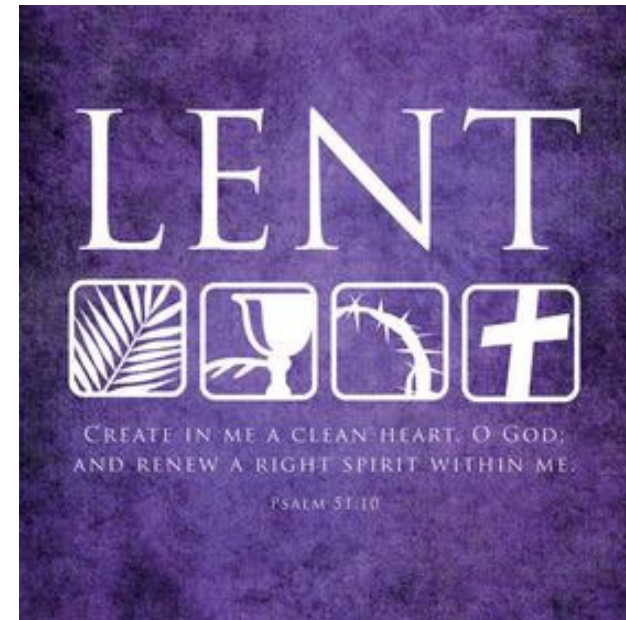
WELCOME & INVITATION

*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, March 19 | 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 22 | “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 | 7:00 pm

MARCH MISSION FOCUS | RPC “TIPPAH STRONG”

Natural Disaster Recovery Fund

Goal: \$500 Total Collected as of 3/12/2023: \$850.00

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!

FYI: RPC Volunteer Opportunities & Ways to Get Involved

- *Nursery Volunteers*
- *Communion Preparation Teams (Goal: 2 people per team, one assigned month per year)*
- *Buildings & Grounds (“Honey-Do Lists”)*
- *RPC Audio/Video Tech Crew*
- *Christian Education / Sunday School teachers / VBS / Youth*
- *RPC/PW: Wedding Showers, Special Meals, Annual Memorial Service*
- *RPC/Men’s Fellowship: Anything that has to do with grilling and feeding the masses.*

If you’re interested, please contact Rev. Hill, any of your session members, or Lynn Hill.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Becky Smith, Christy Horton, Edna Griffin, Rev. Bill Connolly, Dusty Rowland, Jim Mountjoy, Frank Gay, Jerry McLemore, 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 Mavis Street Clemmer

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 3/12/23: \$2,484.00

Worship Attendance 3/12/23: 56

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.