

MARCH 26, 2023

**MORNING WORSHIP**

10:30 A.M.

5TH 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 130: 1-4*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #383

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. *-- The Book of Common Worship, 1993*

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sin, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward 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, 10-12*

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 | Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (*OT p.806*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 11: 1-45 (*NT p. 104*)

THE SERMON TITLE | "Unbind Him; Let Him Go!"

\*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 #316

**"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

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.*

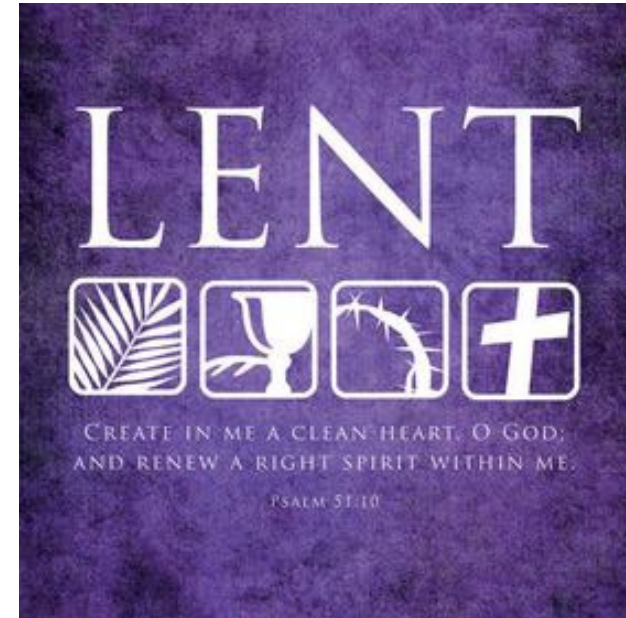
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

*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 26 | Final date to order Easter Lilies (*Order forms on table in Narthex*).

### Today, March 26 | 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 MISSION FOCUS | RPC “TIPPAH STRONG”

Natural Disaster Recovery Fund

Goal: \$500 Total Collected as of 3/19/2023: \$1,125.00

March 29 | “The Journey” Bible Study | 6:00 pm | RPC Facebook page (live)

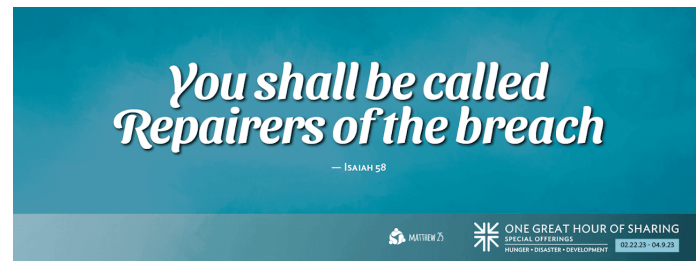
### APRIL MISSION FOCUS | Ripley Boys & Girls Club | Goal: \$500



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



### Easter Sunday, April 9 | “One Great Hour of Sharing” | PC/USA Special Offerings Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry, Empowering the Oppressed

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

## PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Tony Huddleston, Jovie Hill, Cindy Horton, Anne Elliott, Ali Rae Barkley, Edna Griffin, Rev. Bill Connolly, Dusty Rowland, Jim Mountjoy, Frank Gay, Jerry McLemore, Tina Sanford, Stephanie Nichols, Randall Huddleston, Josh Reaves, Bobby Benson, Olivia Pounders, Justin Mauney, Eli Johnson (Corinth High School), Johnny McElwain, Johnny Daniel, Haley Loveless, Cathi Watson, 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 Theo Starrett Smith, son of Winston & Mallory Chapman Smith

### 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 3/19/23: \$3,907.00

Worship Attendance 3/19/23: 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.

### 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.*
- *Greeters & Ushers*
- *Building Managers (Opening & closing buildings before & after services)*

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