

MARCH 5, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

2ND 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 121: 1-4*

I lift up my eyes to the hills---from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"To God Be the Glory"

HYMNAL #485

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 | Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 (*NT p.154*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 3: 1-17 (*NT p. 93*)

THE SERMON TITLE | "The Gospel in Miniature"

*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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

HYMNAL #387

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

*THE POSTLUDE

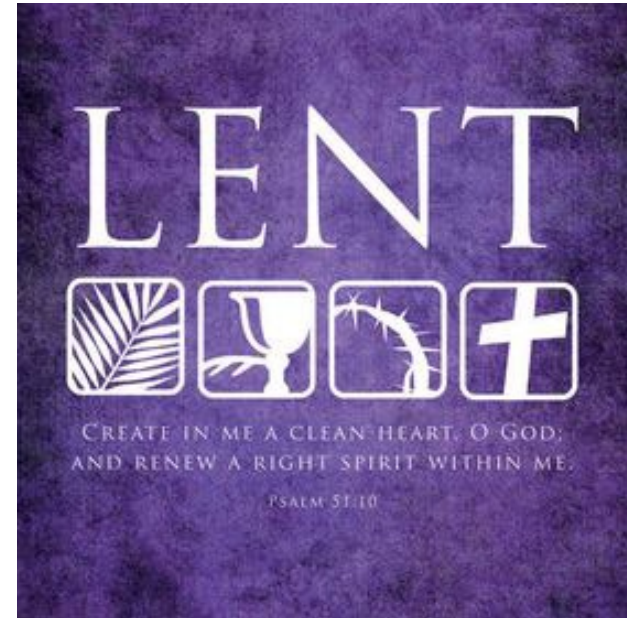
**All Who Are Able Please Stand*

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 5 | 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!

March 8 | “The Journey” Bible Study | 6:00 pm | RPC Facebook page (live)

March 12 | COMMUNION

March 12 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

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

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!

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS: “Souper Bowl of Caring”

TIPPAH COUNTY GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Final Total : \$1,090.00

MARCH MISSION FOCUS | RPC “TIPPAH STRONG”

Natural Disaster Recovery Fund

Goal: \$500 Total Collected as of 3/5/2023: \$50.00

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 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 2/26/23: \$2,990.00

Worship Attendance 2/26/23: 75

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.