

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 31: 9, 14-16*  
Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also. But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”  
My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #89

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:  
Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you  
and the things we try to conceal from others.  
We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused that makes it difficult  
for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong,  
and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves.  
Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
*—Isaiah 43: 18-19*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE FIRST READING | Isaiah 50: 4-9a *(OT p.681)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 21: 1-11 *(NT p. 23)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “Hosanna in the Highest”

**\*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 #91

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

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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## RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Heart for Christ & Community Since 1837*

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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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, April 2 | “A Journey Through Lent in Scripture & Song| 4:00 pm**  
*(Choir members will meet at 2:30 pm for a brief practice)*

**MARCH MISSION FOCUS | RPC “TIPPAH STRONG”**  
Natural Disaster Recovery Fund   Goal: \$500   Final Total Collected: \$1,175.00

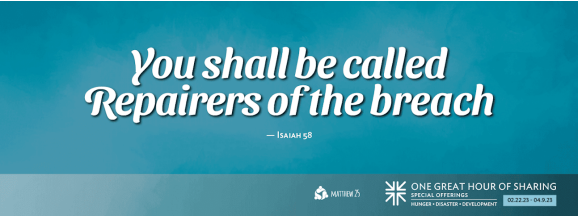
**RPC APRIL MISSION FOCUS**  
**PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREW (PC/USA)**  
**MISSISSIPPI DISASTER RELIEF**



These funds will go to assist those communities impacted by the tornadoes of March 24, 2023.  
(Rolling Fork, Silver City, Amory, Wren, and others.)  
*A collection area will be available in the Narthex at all Holy Week services, Including this afternoon’s choir program.*

**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**  
Wayne Steverson, Sherry Hill, Hayden Worsham, John & Terri Stanford, Tony Huddleston, Jovie Hill, Cindy Horton, Anne Elliott, Ali Rae Barkley, Dusty Rowland, Jim Mountjoy, Frank Gay, Tina Sanford, Stephanie Nichols, Randall Huddleston, Josh Reaves, 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 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 3/26/23: \$1,808.00  
Worship Attendance 3/26/23: 71

**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.*

A JOURNEY THROUGH

*Lent*

IN SCRIPTURE & SONG

PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC MINISTRY & FRIENDS  
OF THE RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY APRIL 2 2023  
4:00 PM  
RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

TENEBRAE SERVICE  
AND COMMUNION

APRIL 6 2023 | 7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Please join us*

**HOLY  
WEEK  
SERVICES**

**RIPLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*Service will be  
broadcast live on our  
Facebook page &  
available on YouTube*



**APRIL 3, 4 & 5**

**6:00 PM**

**DR. REV. JODY  
HILL**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

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