

APRIL 16, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 16: 1, 10, 11*

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #108

**"Christ is Alive!"**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.**

**Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent;**

**according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.

This proves God's love for us: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. -- Romans 5: 6, 8, 9

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

THE FIRST READING | 1 Peter 1: 3-9 (*NT p.232*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 20: 19-31 (*NT p. 115*)

THE SERMON TITLE | "Peace Be With You"

**\*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 #357

**"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**

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.*

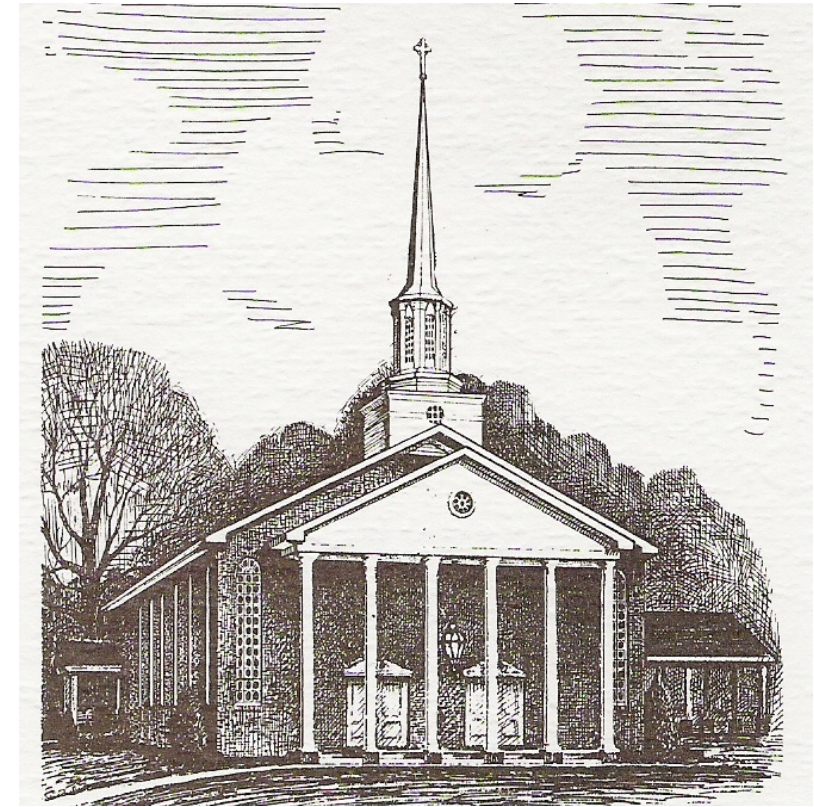
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

*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...

### 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.

April 23 | Session Meeting | 5:00 pm

April 30 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm



## PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREW 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, & OTHERS.)

RPC APRIL MISSION FOCUS  
PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREW (PC/USA)  
MISSISSIPPI DISASTER RELIEF  
Total Collected as of 4/9/2023: \$3,230.00

### "One Great Hour of Sharing" | PC/USA Special Offerings

Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry, Empowering the Oppressed  
Total Collected: \$200.00

## PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Alice Horton, Mac Cooper, Paul Walker, Steve Stubbs, Randy Gaillard, Tommy Benson, Donnie Cousar, Wayne Steverson, Sherry Hill, Hayden Worsham, Tony Huddleston, Cathy Dunaway, 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, 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 Mac Stanford

### 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 4/9/23: \$4,448.00

Worship Attendance 4/9/23: 175

## 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.*