

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*
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. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup over flows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #469

“Morning has Broken”

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 | Acts 2: 42-47 *(NT p.120)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Galatians 5: 13-14 *(NT p. 190)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “Why Are We Afraid of Misunderstandings?”

***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 #356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

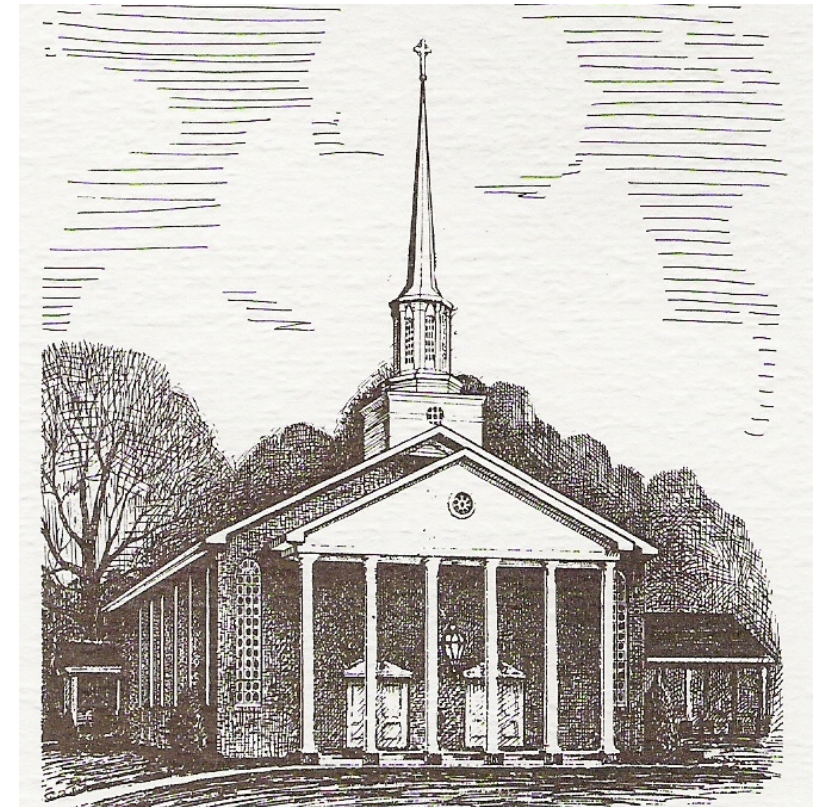
RPC Staff

Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor

Jennifer Huddleston | Director of Music

Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist

Scan with your smart phone for our Website & Virtual Tour



RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Heart for Christ & Community Since 1837

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor

Phone: 662-837-3765 (Office)

Mail: P.O. Box 556 Ripley, MS 38663
302 West Cooper Street

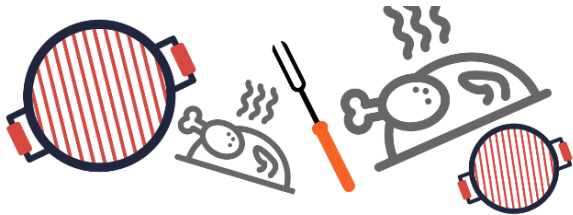
www.ripleypresbyterianchurch.com

Please join us in welcoming Rev. T.J. Malinoski as he brings our message today!
Rev. T. J. Malinoski is an ordained minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. He is the Director of Evangelism and New Church Development for the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination serving congregations in their evangelism efforts and supporting new groups as they get started. T. J. is a regular, contributing writer for the *Missionary Messenger* magazine and the *Cumberland Presbyterian* magazine. He has served as an instructor for both the Program of Alternates Studies program and Memphis Theological Seminary doctorate program. T. J. is the host of the weekly podcast *Cumberland Road*.

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.

Today, April 30 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 7th | Immediately following Worship Service



**IN MEMORY OF STAN HORTON,
WHO LOVED THIS EVENT**

THE RPC MEN CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO A

BBQ CHICKEN LUNCHEON

TAKE-HOME PLATES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE
AFTERWARD- IF THERE'S ANY LEFT!
CHICKEN & SIDES PROVIDED--
PLEASE BRING A DESSERT IF YOU CAN!

SUNDAY | 11:30 AM
MAY 7TH THE GREGG CENTER
RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH


PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS
John Walker Perry (infant son of Hannah McElwain Perry), Don Montgomery, Brad Sullivan, Rev. A.D. Rudolph, Jerry McLemore, Wanda Newton, Earnest Rainer, Tate Daniel, Tommy Benson, Donnie Cousar, Sherry Hill, Wayne Steverson, Tony Huddleston, Cathy Dunaway, Cindy Horton, Anne Elliott, Ali Rae Barkley, Dusty Rowland, Jim Mountjoy, Tina Sanford, Stephanie Nichols, 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 Paul Walker The family of Ralph Sanderson
The family of Frank Gay The family of Willie Prather


Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents
Lorenzo Medford, Laron Shannon, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman.

Lorenzo Medford will be celebrating his 94th birthday on April 30th!
If you would like to send him a card, his current address is as follows:
Magnolia Place New Albany
c/o Lorenzo Medford
1515 Munsford Drive
New Albany, MS 38652

RPC Weekly Financial Update
RPC Weekly 2023 Budget: \$2,860.29
Offering Received 4/23/23: \$1,235.00
Worship Attendance 4/23/23: 66



**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 4/23/2023: \$3,285.00