

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 66: 8, 16, 20*  
Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,  
Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.  
Blessed be God because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #376

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**  
*To the tune of # 343 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:  
Heavenly Father, we are grateful to be counted as Your children  
and to worship and serve together as the body of Christ.  
We confess that there are times we stray from You and drift toward other things.  
Forgive us, dear God, and make us aware of any dangers or stumbling  
blocks that would inhibit our love for You.  
Keep us from developing an attitude of complacency.  
Keep us in full and utter dependence upon You.  
May we stand before Your throne one day and hear You say,  
"Well done, good and faithful servant."  
In Jesus' Name, we humbly pray. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,  
and unfading, kept in heaven for you. *1 Peter 1: 3-4*

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

THE FIRST READING | 1 Peter 3: 13-22 *(NT p.234)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 14: 15-21 *(NT p. 109)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “The Spirit of Truth”

**\*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 #398

**“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

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.*

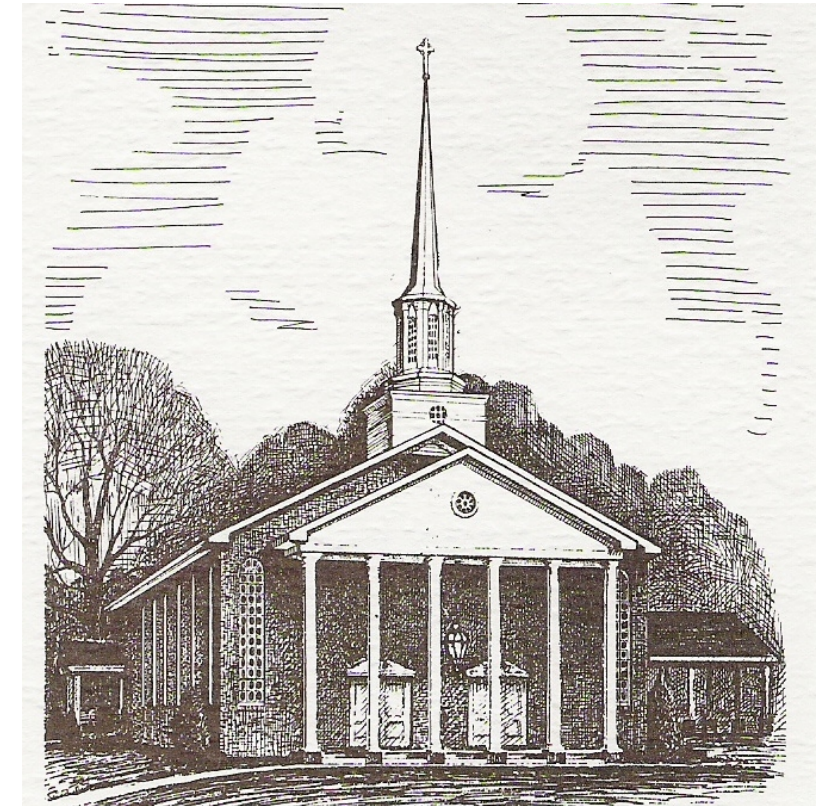
*We are Christ's people,  
and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide.  
If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

*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...**

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.

Monday, May 15 | Presbyterian Women’s (PW) Bible Study  
10:00 am @ The Gregg Center  
Lesson #7 “Mary” | Lynne Howell, Leader  
All women of the congregation are invited to attend!  
*(Memorial Committee will meet after study)*

May 21 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

May 22-25 | RPC Office Closed

May 28 | COMMUNION  
Preparation Team: Diane Bailey, Shirley McClain, Sue Ellen & Max Miller

May 28 | RPC Visionary Committee Meeting | 11:30 am



Thanks to our RPC Men’s Fellowship for the wonderful meal they provided for RPC last Sunday! Rev. Jody Hill told everyone “It’s the best chicken you’ll ever eat!”, and he was right! Wayne Steverson has taught his son Jody well! Thanks to their efforts and the generous donations of chicken, beans, & chips, we were able to collect \$662.00 in contributions for our RPC Youth Fund. We also appreciate all of those who provided the fabulous desserts, served in the kitchen, and helped clean up afterward! It was a great day of food, fellowship & faith!

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Jennifer Bryan, Claire Gregory, Jovie Hill, John Walker Perry (infant son of Hannah McElwain Perry), Don Montgomery, Brad Sullivan, Jerry McLemore, Tate Daniel, Donnie Cousar, Wayne Steverson, 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 Randy Luna

**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 5/7/23: \$6,726.00

Worship Attendance 5/7/23: 70



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**RPC MAY MISSION FOCUS**

**Tippah County Good Samaritan Center**

**Goal: \$500.00 | Total Collected as of 5/7/23: \$655.00**