

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 47: 1, 2, 6*
Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #151

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Book of Common Worship, 1946*
**Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him,
now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;
forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;
through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling,
to make you stand without blemish in the presence of glory with rejoicing,
to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever.
Amen. ---*Jude 24-25*

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

THE FIRST READING | Ephesians 1: 15-23 *(NT p.192)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Luke 24: 44-53 *(NT p. 91)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “The Ascension of the Lord”

***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 #144

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

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.*

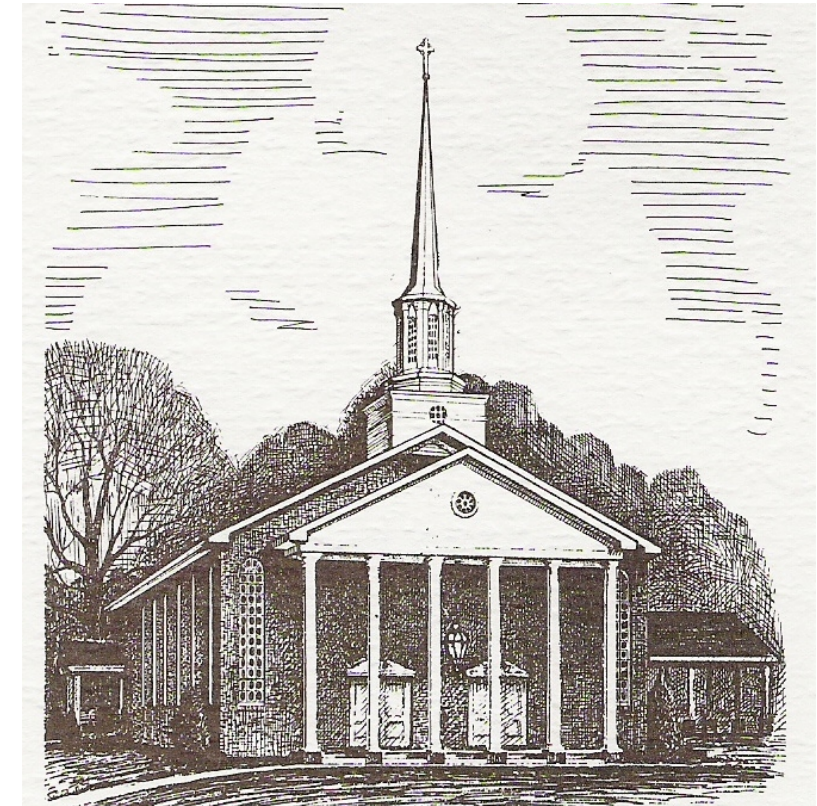
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;
if you are looking for a home, stay here;
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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.

Today, 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.
Thanks to Melinda Marsalis, who so graciously provides her homemade bread for our service!

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



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.
Please contact Lynn Hill if you would like to provide a floral arrangement for worship service in honor or memory of an individual, family, etc.
The cost of the arrangement is typically \$35 for each service.



RPC MAY MISSION FOCUS
Tippah County Good Samaritan Center
Goal: \$500.00 | Total Collected as of 5/14/23: \$905.00

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS
Richard Todd, Matthew Goolsby, 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 5/14/23: \$4,794.00
Worship Attendance 5/14/23: 92