

MAY 7, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.	*THE GLORIA PATRI	HYMNAL #579
5TH 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 31: 1, 3, 16 In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me... Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.				
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE	HYMNAL #388			“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. -- The Book of Common Worship, 1993				
THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN				
THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sin, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. --Psalm 103: 8, 10-12				
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.				
THE FIRST READING   John 14: 1-14 (NT p.108)				
TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES				
THE ANTHEM				
THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION				
THE SERMON TEXT   Acts 7: 55-60 (NT p. 126)				
THE SERMON TITLE   “Lord, Do Not Hold This Sin Against Them”				
*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 #383			“My Faith Looks Up to 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.*

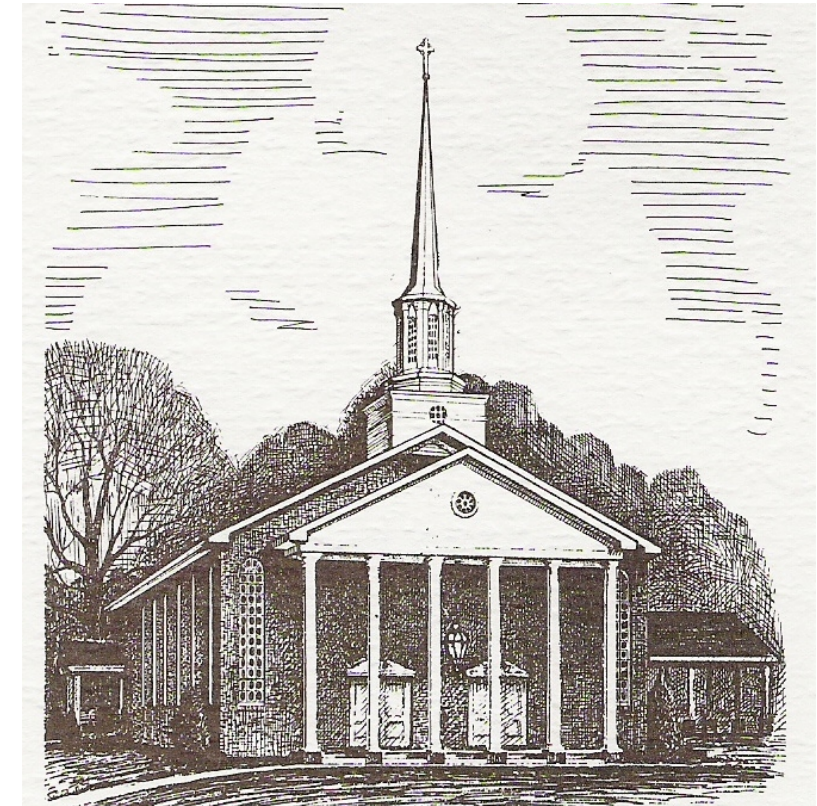
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

*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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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, Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> | Immediately following Worship Service – Everybody’s Invited!**



**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  
THE GREGG CENTER  
RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
**MAY 7TH**

**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)*

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Claire Gregory, Jovie Hill, John Walker Perry (infant son of Hannah McElwain Perry), Don Montgomery, Brad Sullivan, 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 Rev. A.D. Rudolph (former pastor of Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church)

**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 4/30/23: \$1,285.00  
Worship Attendance 4/30/23: 41

**RPC APRIL MISSION FOCUS**

**PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREW (PC/USA) MISSISSIPPI DISASTER RELIEF**  
**Final Total Collected: \$3,285.00 Thank you!**



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**RPC MAY MISSION FOCUS**  
**Tippah County Good Samaritan Center**  
**Goal: \$500.00**