

JUNE 11, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.	*THE GLORIA PATRI	HYMNAL #579
2 ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST			THE FIRST READING Romans 4: 13-25 <i>(NT p.155)</i>	
GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you! ALL: And also with you!			TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	
THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			THE ANTHEM “Goodness of God” Georgia Kate Conner	
PRELUDE <i>The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.</i>			THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP --- <i>Psalm</i> 33: 2-4 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.			THE SERMON TEXT Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26 <i>(NT p. 9)</i>	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE			THE SERMON TITLE “His Touch Makes You Whole”	
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”			*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 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. <i>-- The Book of Common Worship, 1993</i>			THE OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY	
THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN			*THE DOXOLOGY	
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. <i>--Psalm 103: 8, 10-12</i>			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER	
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “More Love to Thee, O Christ”	
			HYMNAL #359	
			THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	
			*PASSING THE PEACE AND BEARING CHRIST’S PEACE TO THE WORLD	
			*THE POSTLUDE	
			<i>*All Who Are Able Please Stand</i>	

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.*

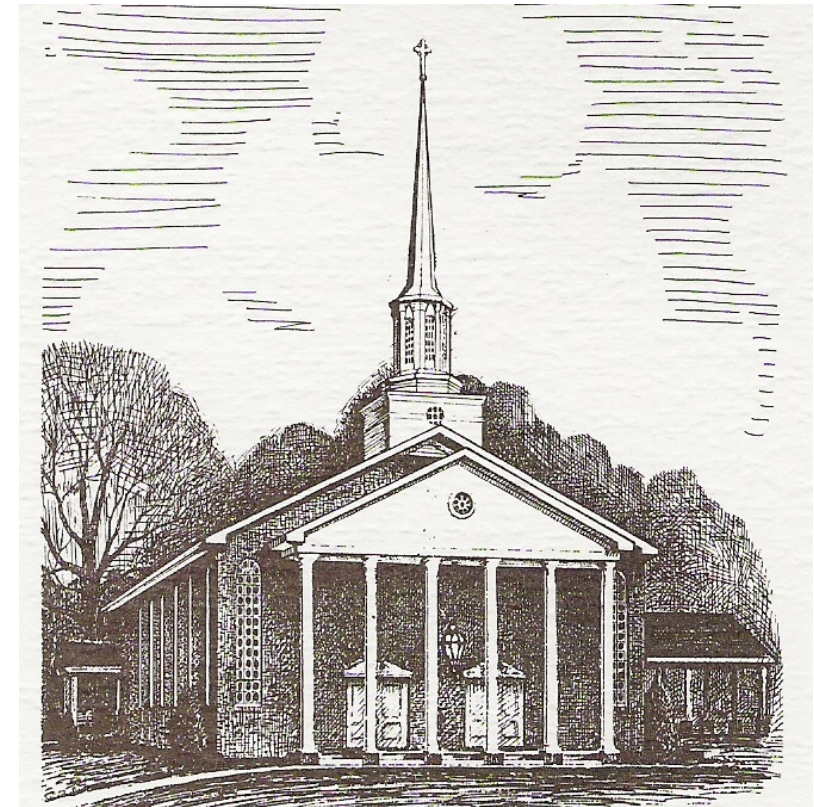
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;
if you are looking for a home, stay here;
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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

The mission of Ripley Presbyterian Church is to glorify and love God and love people by meeting them where they are and encouraging them toward a lifelong joyous relationship with Christ.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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COMING UP...

Inquirers/New Members Class will begin meeting with the Seekers Sunday School class (downstairs at the Gregg Center) at 9:30 am until the fall semester begins.

June 11 | Choir Practice! Come join us at 5:00 pm!

June 12 | RPC/PW Picnic Luncheon | 11:00 am | Gregg Center
Bring a “light lunch” dish (sandwiches, salad, dessert, etc.), & join us for our final meeting until September! *Water & tea provided.*

June 18 | Father’s Day

June 25 | RPC Presbyterian Women’s Memorial Service

This is typically an annual service, however, due to the pandemic, we will be honoring all of these women on June 25th before our regular worship service: Geneva Mauney, Betty Owen Long, Bobbie Wells, Billye Mauney, Mary John Dill, Billie Pickens, and Jean Ketchum. The RPC/PW has purchased 2 crystal vases, 2 serving trays, and flatware (for 80) in their honor. These items will be used when the PW provides the family meal for our RPC members who have passed away. A table will be set up in the Narthex on June 25th to display these items.



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.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Dot Locke, Judy Austin, Randle Beavers, Tommy Covington, Richard Todd, Coleen Jackson, Justin Jordan, Matthew Goolsby, Jennifer Bryan, Claire Gregory, Brad Sullivan, Jerry McLemore, Tate Daniel, 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 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 6/4/23: \$6,973.00

Worship Attendance 6/4/23: 68

RPC JUNE MISSION FOCUS | Living Waters For the World | Goal \$500

Total Collected as of 6/4/2023: \$300.00



Living Waters for the World (LWW) is a ministry of the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Believing God intends for all people to have clean water, Living Waters for the World, via enduring relationships, empowers its partners to provide long-lasting clean sustainable water for their communities. LWW water treatment systems and related educational programs address a critical niche of the world water crisis-communities with available but contaminated water. Long-term access to clean water is achieved by empowering mission teams to form partnerships with institutions, provide water treatment systems and related health education materials to their partners, train their partners to implement, operate and maintain their water systems, and lead ongoing support of its water system partners via a series of regional networks. Living Waters for the World clean water systems have now been installed at more than 750 sites in 25 nations. Visit www.livingwatersfortheworld.org for more information!

Dear RPC Family,

In Spring 2022, our Church Session embarked upon a 90-day strategic planning process for our congregation. From that discernment we developed our mission statement, “The Journey” virtual Bible Study, a welcoming lunch for Westminster members, a member check-in phone Call committee, new emphasis on marketing, and a renewed commitment to young families.

Most importantly this strategic planning process was an intentional effort to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance through prayer and surrender for how to best minister to our community. Since that time, God has been so gracious in gifting us with growth and new life in our church family! Now it’s time to take on Phase 2 of that strategic planning process as we engage all of you in our efforts to minister to one another and our community in ways that glorify God and love his children.

This spring, the Session established the RPC Visionary Committee to lead us in a new 90-day strategic planning process. The members of that committee are: Kate and Dan Adams, Grace Anne Brown, Elizabeth Elliott, Jody Hill, Lynn Hill, Jenna and Austin Hopper, Norris Howell, Jennifer Huddleston, Pat Ledbetter, Melinda Marsalis, and Shea Scott.

To assist the strategic planning process, we invite each worshiper to prepare a **SWOT Analysis** of our congregation (the acronym stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats). In your prayerful discernment, list a few items that you think relate to each of the four categories below. Think of the congregation “internally” for strengths and weaknesses. Then think about the things that impact us “externally” as opportunities and threats (e.g., community, culture, demographics, faith). If you prefer, please take this home and complete after prayer and contemplation, then bring it back to church the following Sunday, drop it by the church office during office hours, or email it to lynn@xcavators-inc.com

Your Name _____
If you prefer to submit anonymously, that is perfectly okay.

S = internal **strengths** of RPC
W = internal **weaknesses** of RPC
O = external **opportunities**
T = external **threats**

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Opportunities:

Threats:

Thank you all for being on this journey to help us live into our mission:
“To glorify and love God and love people by meeting them where they are and encouraging them toward a lifelong joyous relationship with Christ”
(RPC Mission Statement).

God Bless You All,

Rev. Dr. Jody Hill
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