

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 ---*Genesis 28: 13, 14, 16*
And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and your offspring." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in the place – and I did not know it!"

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #551

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

THE FIRST READING | Romans 8: 12-25 *(NT p.158)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 *(NT p. 14)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “The Good Seed”

***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 #467

“How Great Thou Art”

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.*

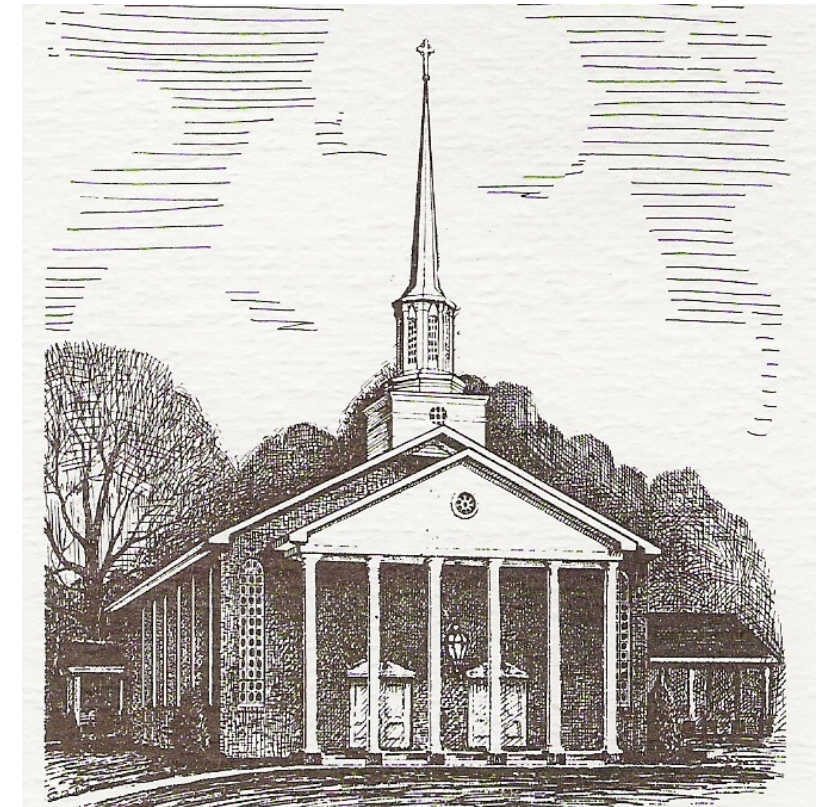
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;
if you are looking for a home, stay here;
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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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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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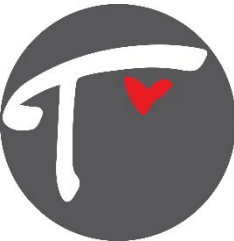
Please Note...

July 26 | Visionary Committee Meeting | 5:30 pm

The Children’s Sunday School Class will not meet during the month of July.
See you all again on August 6th!

The RPC Choir will take their annual “break” during the month of July.
Special thanks to all choir members who have graciously volunteered to provide our anthem during July worship.

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 JULY MISSION FOCUS | Together For Tippah | Goal \$750

Total Collected as of 7/16/2023: \$1,035.00

Together for Tippah is a 501©3 non-profit organization founded in 2015 by Tippah County Residents whose goal is to provide help to those who are in need in our community. In August 2015, we began our school supplies & backpacks project. We were also able to help some teachers with their classroom needs. We now have closets located in Tippah County Schools for teachers to access for students in need of supplies. We also work together to assist families in need during the Christmas season so they can provide gifts for their children.

An Opportunity to Help | Donald & Karen Bates | Total as of 7/16/23: \$550.00
Thank you for all the prayers & concerns and inquiries on "How can we help?" on behalf of Karen & Donald Bates. For all of those that would like to offer assistance, there is a special account set up at The Peoples Bank to receive monetary gifts to help them get back on their feet. Gifts can be given directly to the "Donald & Karen Bates Special Account", or you can write your check to Ripley Presbyterian Church with "Donald & Karen Bates" in the memo, and we will write a check from the church to be given to them. You can put your check in the offering plate, or drop it by the church office during office hours.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS
Donnie Cousar, Sam Buchanan, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, Mary Jo Lence, Kay Clark, Karen & Donald Bates, Richard Marsalis, Doris Moffit, Edward Willingham, Carolyn Dickerson Burge, Tommy Covington, 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 Daniel, Haley Loveless, Cathi Watson, 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 Dean “Nunney” Reno
The family of Emma Marie Braddock
The family of Jeff Newton
The family of Dot Locke

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 7/16/23: \$3,580.00
Worship Attendance 7/16/23: 77