

9TH 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 ---*Psalm 105: 1-3*
O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #366

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE FIRST READING | Romans 8: 26-39 *(NT p.158)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 *(NT p. 14)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven”

***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 #306

“Fairest Lord 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.*

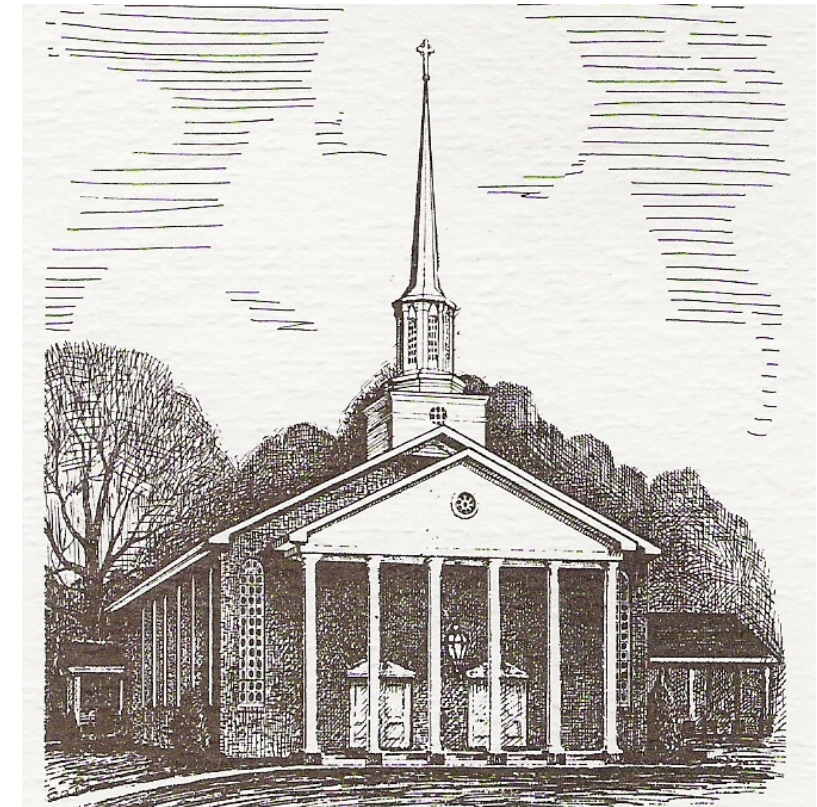
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;
if you are looking for a home, stay here;
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

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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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...

Our floral arrangement for the July 30th worship service is provided in loving memory of Jean Ketchum, on the occasion of her birthday, July 30, by her children and her grandchildren.

This Sunday begins our Ministry Team promotions. Each Sunday, a different Ministry Team will be spotlighted & a description of the responsibilities will be included in our bulletin for your review. Our goal at RPC is for every single person to have an opportunity to utilize their unique talents and gifts to serve Christ and serve others. A Fellowship Supper hosted by the members of the Visionary Committee is scheduled for Wednesday August 23rd at the Gregg Center – afterwards, if there are any questions you have about these teams, we will do our best to answer them--we are very excited about the future at RPC!
Please consider prayerfully how you would like to serve and join us August 23.

Sunday, August 6 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Sunday August 6 | Choir Meeting (*measuring for choir robes!*) | 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 6 | The Retirement Celebration to honor Dr. Charles Elliott for his 52 years of service to Tippah County will be held at the Tippah County Hospital Classroom from 2 pm until 3:30 pm. All are welcome.



RPC JULY MISSION FOCUS | Together For Tippah | Goal \$750
Total Collected as of 7/23/2023: \$1,165.00

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 7/23/23: \$700.00

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

Cathy Dunaway, Diana Hendricks, 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

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 7/23/23: \$2,889.00
Worship Attendance 7/23/23: 71