

JULY 9, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	10:30 A.M.	*THE GLORIA PATRI	HYMNAL #579
GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you! ALL: And also with you!			THE FIRST READING   Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 (OT p.20)	
THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	
			THE ANTHEM	
			THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
PRELUDE The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.			THE SERMON TEXT   Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (NT p. 11)	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---Psalm 45: 15, 16, 17 With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.			THE SERMON TITLE   “Wisdom’s Vindication”	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE	“Take My Life” vs. 1-4	HYMNAL #391	*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: Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused that makes it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.			THE OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY	
			*THE DOXOLOGY	
			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER	
THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”	
THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? —Isaiah 43: 18-19			HYMNAL #357	
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.			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.*

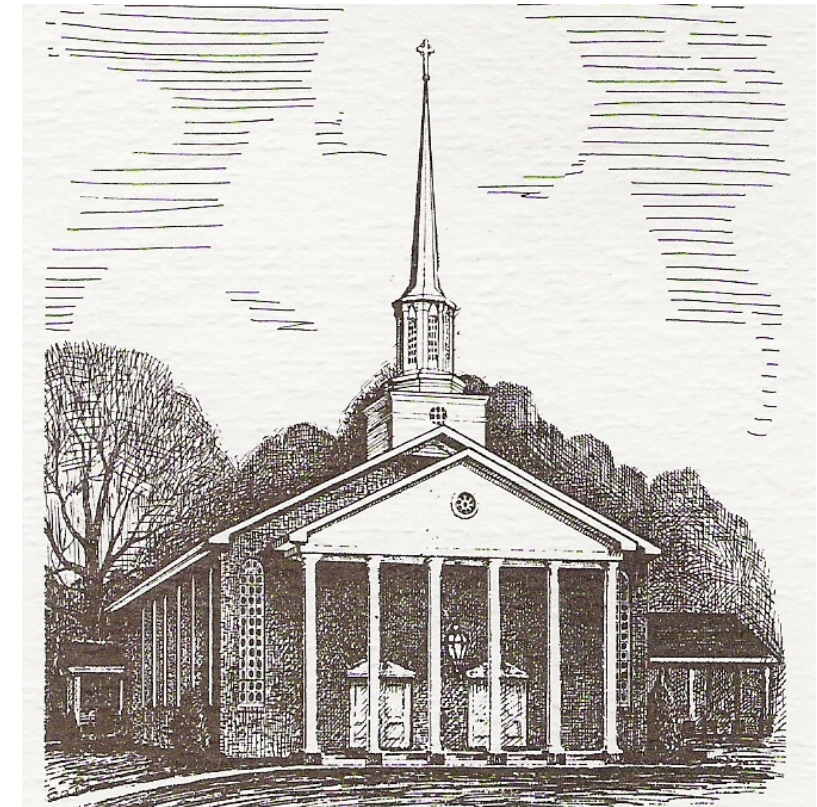
*If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

*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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COMING UP...

Today, July 9 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

July 12 | Visionary Committee Meeting | 5:30 pm

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> | Vacation Bible School! | 10 am til 2:00 pm | The Gregg Center**  
Elizabeth Elliott, B.J. Braddock, Grace-Anne Elliott, & Jenna Hopper will serve as teachers; please contact any of them if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help!



*Please Note....*

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

The RPC Choir will take their annual “break” during the month of July.

**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**

Karen & Donald Bates, Richard Marsalis, Doris Moffit, Edward Willingham, Carolyn Dickerson Burge, Dot Locke, Tommy Covington, 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, Kilzer, Angie Leisure Beavers, Lenox Kennamore, Destiny Parker Hurley, Gayle & Harvey Childers, Lori Chapman, Calvin Austin, Leah & Miles Harrell.

**Our Deepest Sympathies to....**

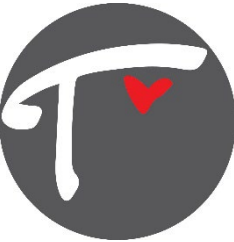
The family of Shirley Estes  
The family of Myra Adams (mother of Dan Adams)  
The family of Louise Kelly

**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 7/2/23: \$6,028.00  
Worship Attendance 7/2/23: 65



**RPC JULY MISSION FOCUS | Together For Tippah | Goal \$750**  
**Total Collected as of 7/2/2023: \$300.00**

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.