

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 37: 3-4*  
Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:  
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. This proves God’s love for us: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. -- Romans 5: 6, 8, 9

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

THE FIRST READING | Romans 10: 5-15 *(NT p.160)*

“Beds For Kids” | Presentation by Daniel Alsup

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 14: 22-33 *(NT p. 16)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “Walking on the Sea”

**\*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 #344

“Christ of the Upward Way”

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*PASSING THE PEACE AND BEARING CHRIST’S PEACE TO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE

*\*All Who Are Able Please Stand*

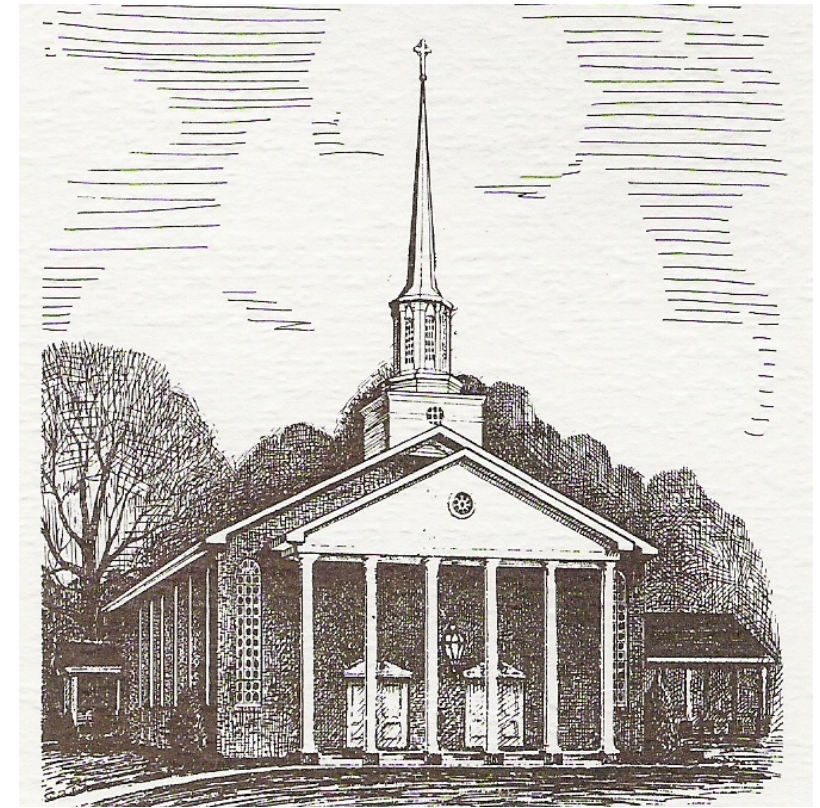
## WELCOME & INVITATION

*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...

Sunday, August 13 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm,

Wednesday, August 16 | “The Journey” online Bible Study | 6:00 pm  
RPC Facebook page or later on our YouTube channel.

Sunday, August 20 | COMMUNION

Sunday, August 20 | Confirmation/New Members Class (Children & Youth) | 4:00 pm  
Rev. Jody Hill will be directing this class. We need “Snack Volunteers”!  
See sign-up sheet in the Narthex after worship, or text/Email Lynn Hill if you’d like to help!

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.*



RPC AUGUST MISSION FOCUS | Ripley Boys & Girls Club | Goal \$500  
Total Collected as of 8/6/2023: \$355.00



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PLEDGE

**I believe in God** and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion.

**I believe in America** and the American way of life, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

**I believe in fair play,** honesty, and sportsmanship.

**I believe in my Boys & Girls Club,** which stands for these things.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS RECITE THIS PLEDGE EVERY DAY.

IS THAT WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT?



A Note of Thanks...

*Thank you for the loyalty, support, friendship, and encouragement you have extended to me in my practice through the years. You have been a true blessing to me and to my family. With sincerest appreciation,*

Charles M. Elliott

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Kerry Elliott, Charles & Carolyn Bryant, Stephanie Drewery Highland, Shirley Huddleston, Jennifer Childs, Doris Moffit, Becky Montgomery, Cathy Dunaway, Diana Hendricks, Donnie Cousar, Sam Buchanan, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, Mary Jo Lence, Kay Clark, Richard Marsalis, Edward Willingham, Carolyn Dickerson Burge, Tommy Covington, Brad Sullivan, Jerry McLemore, Tate Daniel, Wayne Steverson, Cindy Horton, Anne Elliott, Ali Rae Barkley, Dusty Rowland, 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 John Sterchi (Karen Cook Sterchi’s brother-in-law)  
The family of Colleen Jackson  
The family of Edwina Smith

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 8/6/23: \$5,295.00  
Worship Attendance 8/6/23: 75