

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 133*  
How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Behold the Goodness of Our Lord”

HYMNAL #241

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 GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

THE FIRST READING | Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 (*OT p.686*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 (*NT p. 17*)

THE SERMON TITLE | “The Lost Sheep”

**\*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 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful  
of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might,**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;**  
**Christ will come again.**

**The Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion** | *Book of Common Worship*

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,  
You have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.  
So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE** **HYMNAL #387**  
**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

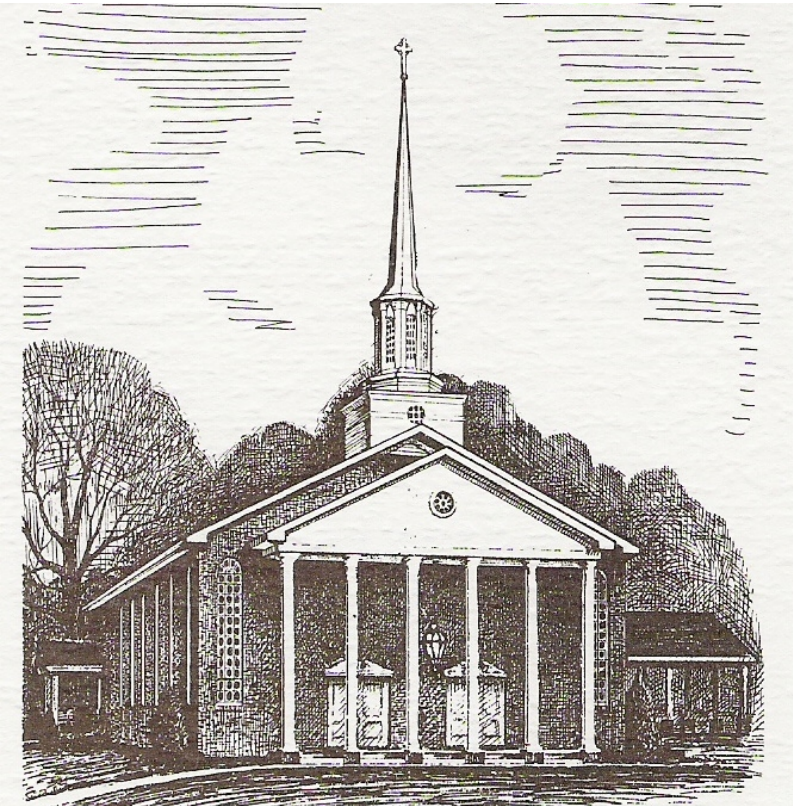
**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*\*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.*



**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...

Today, Sunday, August 20 | COMMUNION

Today, 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!

Wednesday, August 23 | Fellowship Supper (PIZZA!) | 6:00 pm | Gregg Center  
*Hosted by the Visionary Committee – everything is provided, just be here at 6pm!*  
*Food, Faith, & Fellowship!*

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 8/13/2023: \$425.00



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?





PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Mary Beth & Aaron Warhurst & family, 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 Mrs. Marnell Childers  
The family of Henry Smith  
The family of Lisa Walker Miller  
The family of John Sterchi (Karen Cook Sterchi’s brother-in-law)

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 8/13/23: \$3,917.00  
Worship Attendance 8/13/23: 54