

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.	*THE GLORIA PATRI	HYMNAL #579
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST			THE FIRST READING Romans 12: 9-21 (NT p.162)	
GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you! ALL: And also with you!			TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	
THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			THE ANTHEM	
PRELUDE The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.			THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---Exodus 3: 2, 4, 5 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”			THE SERMON TEXT Matthew 16: 21-28 (NT p. 18)	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE	HYMNAL #466		THE SERMON TITLE “Set Your Mind on Divine Things”	
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”			*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 SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN			*THE DOXOLOGY	
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			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER	
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”	
			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.*

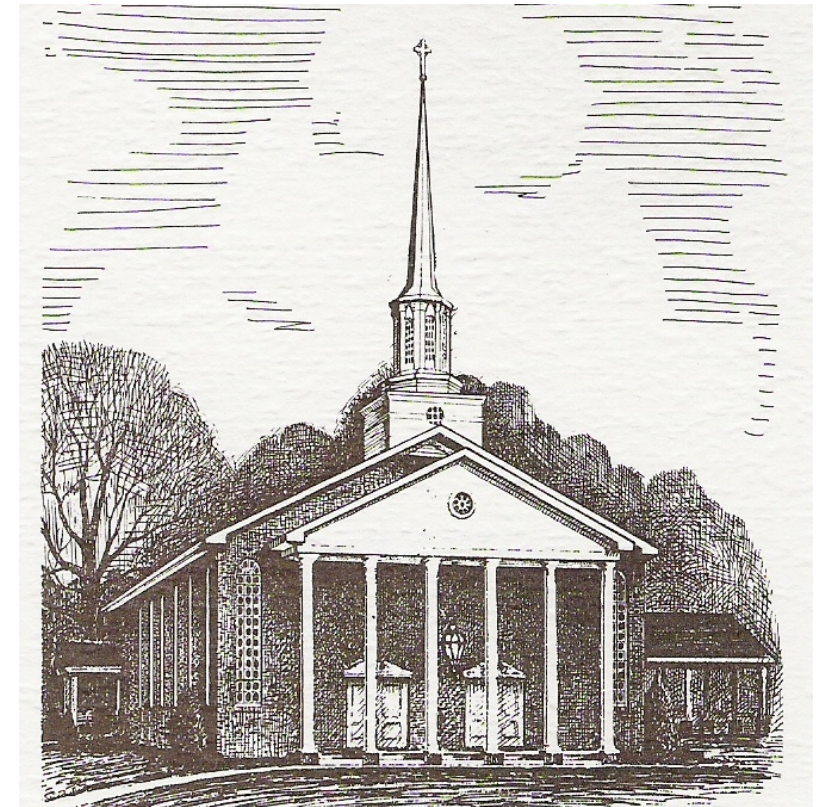
We are so glad you are here.

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 | Choir Director
Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist

RPC 2023 Session Members
Moderator Rev. Dr. Jody Hill
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill & Norris Howell
Class of 2024 | Bobby Elliott & Shea Scott
Class of 2023 | Jennifer Huddleston, Benton Elliott, & Robert Goolsby
Clerk of Session | Lynn Hill

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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...

Today, Sunday Sept. 3 | 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!

Today, Sunday, Sept. 3 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

Sept. 10 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Sept. 10 | Confirmation/New Members Class (Children & Youth) | 4:00 pm

Sept. 10 | Visionary Committee Meeting | 5:10 pm

Offering Envelopes for 2024 | IMPORTANT

If you would like to use an offering envelope, please sign up on the sheet placed in the Narthex, or email Lynn Hill at lynn@xcavators-inc.com by September 30. **The order will be placed October 1, 2023.**
These are offered at no cost for our congregation.

RPC AUGUST MISSION FOCUS | Ripley Boys & Girls Club | Goal \$500
Final Total: \$945.00. Thank you, Thank you!!

RPC SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS | “Beds For Kids”
Goal: \$500
Total collected as of 9/3/2023: \$250.00

“Beds for Kids” is a faith-based ministry that began in April 2018. Mt. Olive Baptist Church began building twin bed frames to use with a brand-new mattress and bedding to deliver to needy children. All the help is strictly voluntary, with funds coming through general donations from individuals, churches and businesses. Cost of a complete bed (frame, mattress and bedding) is approximately \$100. To date, more than 2,500 beds have been placed in homes for precious children, many of them receiving a bed for the first time in their life. However, we feel that this is only a fraction of the need since most of the beds go to children in the North Mississippi vicinity. Our desire is to expand this program to help more children in Mississippi to have a bed of their own. With every bed delivered, Beds for Kids provides a Bible, prayer, and a Gospel witness.



PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Leigh-Ann, Nolan & Baby Jude Hill, Billy & Nyleen Hopkins & family, Phyllis McCafferty, Angela Johnson, Pat Hopper, Amy Reaves, Beth Hill, Joyce Clemmer, Charles & Carolyn Bryant, Stephanie Drewery Highland, Jennifer Childs, Doris Moffit, Becky Montgomery, Diana Hendricks, Donnie Cousar, Sam Buchanan, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, Kay Clark, Richard Marsalis, Edward Willingham, Carolyn Dickerson Burge, Tommy Covington, Brad Sullivan, 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 Beth Hill
The family of Mrs. Shelby Morton

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 8/27/23: \$5,157.00
Worship Attendance 8/27/23: 80