

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP 15TH 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   Romans 13: 8-14 (NT p.162)	
THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	
PRELUDE The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.			THE ANTHEM	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---Exodus 12: 3, 13, 14 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; observe it as a perpetual ordinance.			THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE			THE SERMON TEXT   Matthew 18: 15-20 (NT p. 20)	
"To God Be the Glory"			THE SERMON TITLE   "Where Two or Three are Gathered"	
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.			*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 SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN			THE OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY	
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			*THE DOXOLOGY	
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. ALL: Thanks be to God!			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD'S PRAYER	
			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE	
			"O Jesus, I Have Promised"	
			HYMNAL #388	
			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.*

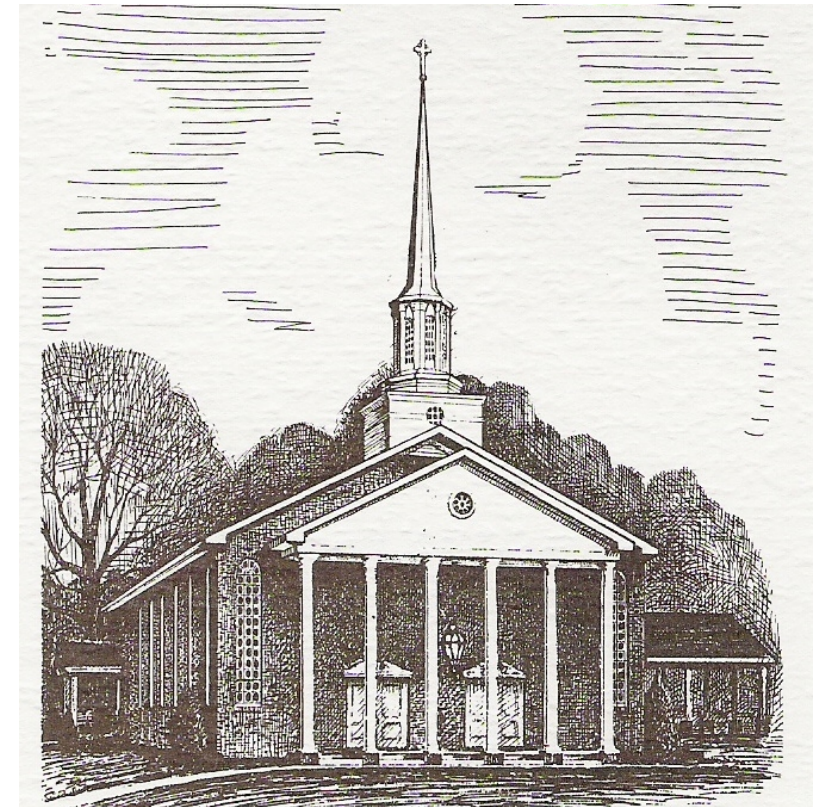
*We are so glad you are here.*

**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.

Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor

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**Please Note...**

**Today, Sunday Sept. 10 | 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, Sept. 10 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am**

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**Today, 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](mailto:lynn@xcavators-inc.com) by September 30. **The order will be placed October 1, 2023.**  
*These are offered at no cost for our congregation.*



**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Klem Farrell, Sherry Hill, Leigh-Ann, Nolan & Baby Jude Hill, Billy & Nyleen Hopkins & family, Phyllis McCafferty, Angela Johnson, Pat Hopper, Amy Reaves, 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 Mike Griffin  
The family of Bill Waldon  
The family of Bobby Benson  
The family of Kaitlyn Miller

**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 9/3/23: \$5,734.00  
Worship Attendance 9/3/23: 55

**RPC SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS | “Beds For Kids”**

**Goal: \$500**  
**Total collected as of 9/10/2023: \$1,405.00**

*“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.*