

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

## MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 ---*Exodus 14: 21, 22, 31*

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and his servant Moses.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

**"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

HYMNAL #441

**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 FIRST READING | Romans 14: 1-12 (*NT p.163*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 18: 21-35 (*NT p. 20*)

THE SERMON TITLE | "Seventy-Seven Times"

**\*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

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

HYMNAL #428

THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*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

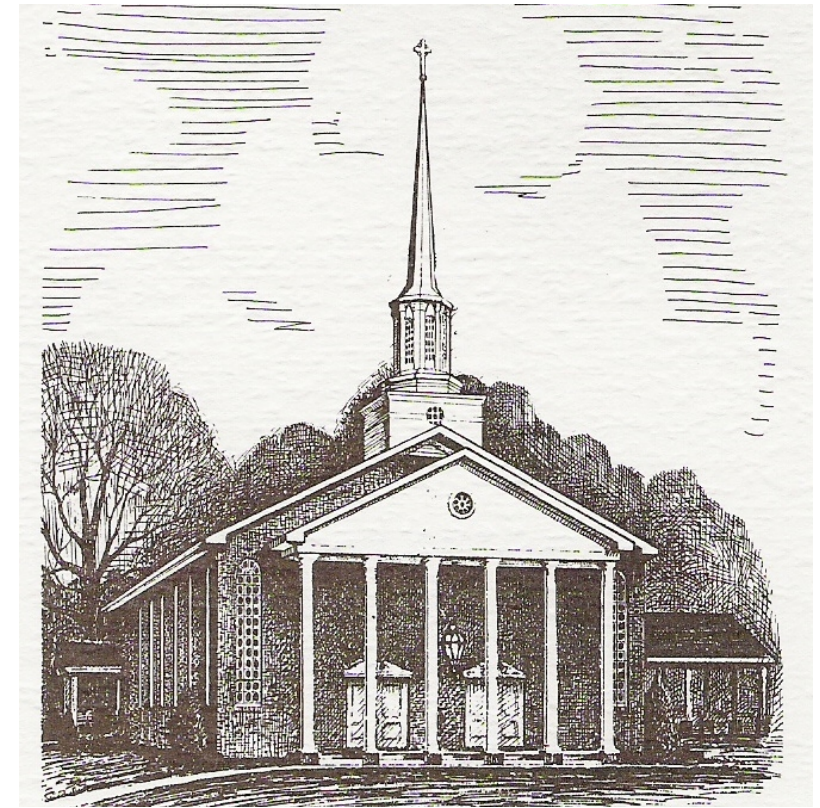
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill & Norris Howell

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's beautiful floral arrangement is provided by the Seeker's Sunday School Class.

**Today, Sept. 17** | Choir Practice (immediately after worship)

**Today, Sunday Sept. 17 | 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!

### 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.*

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24!!!



### PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Felix Jones, Noah Hill, Paula Jordan, Mike Carter, Klem Farrell, Sherry Hill, Billy & Nyleen Hopkins & family, Phyllis McCafferty, Angela Johnson, Pat Hopper, Amy Reaves, Joyce Clemmer, Charles & Carolyn Bryant, Stephanie Drewery Highland, Jennifer Childs, Diana Hendricks, Donnie Cousar, Sam Buchanan, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, Kay Clark, Richard Marsalis, 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 Myra Kuykendall (sister of Bill Kuykendall)

The family of Jay Bailey

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 Cappelman.

### RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2023 Budget: \$2,860.29

Offering Received 9/10/23: \$5,443.00

Worship Attendance 9/10/23: 67

### RPC SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS | "Beds For Kids"

**Goal: \$500**

**Total collected as of 9/10/2023: \$1,930.00**

*"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.*