

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

17TH 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 16: 2, 4, 7

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

"...and in the morning, you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

-- The Book of Common Worship, 1993

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sin, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

--Psalm 103: 8, 10-12

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

THE FIRST READING | Philippians 1: 21-30 *(NT p.196)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 20: 1-16 *(NT p. 21)*

THE SERMON TITLE | "The Last Will Be First"

***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 #210

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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

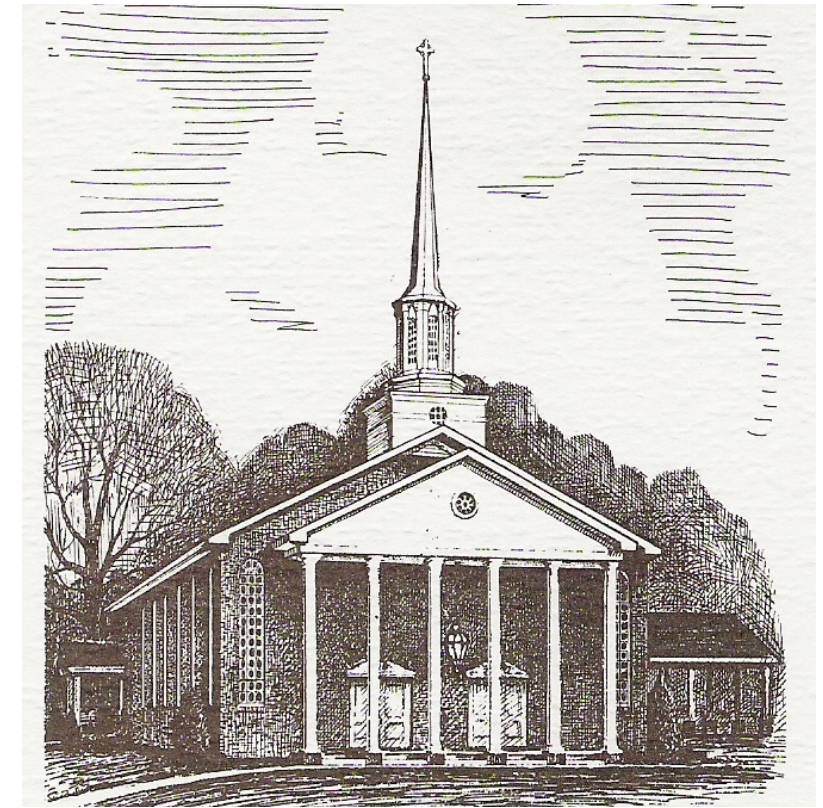
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill & Norris Howell

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Class of 2023 | Jennifer Huddleston, Benton Elliott, & Robert Goolsby

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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...

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.*

This afternoon, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24!!!



Sunday, Oct. 1 | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Communion Prep Team: Sue Ellen & Max Miller

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Jackie Gossett, Freddy Daniel (Shirley McClain's brother), 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, Wayne Steverson, Cindy Horton, Anne Elliott, Ali Rae Barkley, Dusty Rowland, Tina Sanford, Stephanie Nichols, Josh Reaves, Olivia Pounders, Justin Mauney, Eli Johnson, Haley Loveless, 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 Keith Richey (nephew of Jane Cousar)
The family of Kathi Watson
The family of Eddie Watson
The family of Myra Kuykendall (sister of Bill Kuykendall)
The family of Jay Bailey

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 9/17/23: \$3,048.00
Worship Attendance 9/17/23: 77

RPC SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS | "Beds For Kids"

Goal: \$500

Total collected as of 9/17/2023: \$2,410.00

"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.