

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 106: 1-3*
Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?
Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

HYMNAL #145

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 | Exodus 32: 1-14(*OT p.78*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Philippians 4: 1-9 (*NT p. 198*)

THE SERMON TITLE | “Stand Firm in the Lord in This Way”

***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

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

HYMNAL #403

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

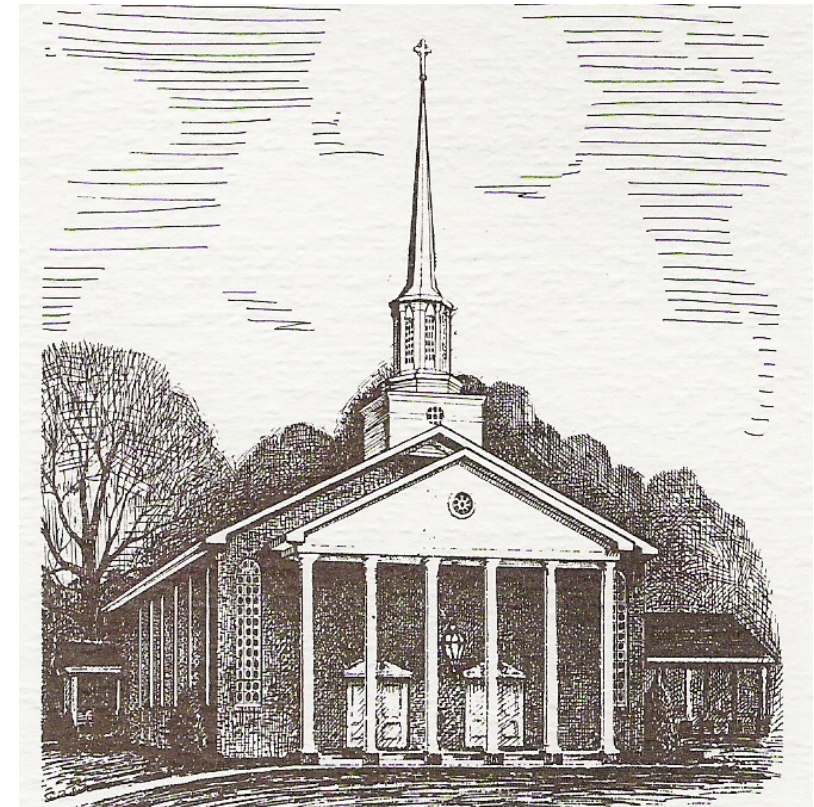
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RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

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Please Note....

Today’s beautiful floral arrangement is provided by the Seeker’s Sunday School Class in honor and appreciation of our pastor, Rev. Dr. Jody Hill.

Today, Oct. 15 | Bell Choir Meeting | 4:00 pm

If you have any interest in participating in our RPC Bell Choir, please come to this meeting. We need at least 11-12 members to make this happen!

Today, Oct. 15 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

Today is the deadline for submitting the Elder suggestion form found in your bulletin.

Oct. 22 | Officer Nomination Committee Meeting | 11: 30 am

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

The nation of Israel & all those impacted by this act of terrorism, Bryce Humphrey, Deanna Hartman, Jane Tisdale, Barry Cook, Helen Beavers, Laron Shannon, Beverly Hankins, Harry Ward, Jackie Gossett, Freddy Daniel, 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 Kathleen Stubbs

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 10/1/23: \$6,281.00

Offering Received 10/8/23: \$4,952.00

Worship Attendance 10/8/23: 61

RPC OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS | The Presbyterian Hunger Grant

Goal: \$500. Total Collected as of 10/8/23: \$1,115.00

“Enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation.” -Book of Confessions, 9/46

Fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. We can make an impact on local hunger by contributing toward this mission to fund the Presbytery of St. Andrew Hunger Grant. These grant funds are vital toward applicants in our presbytery – our own Tippah County Good Samaritan Center has been a recipient several times over the past few years. Please join us in the fight against hunger in our community & our presbytery.



We’re having it inside the gym, so it’s not really a “Trunk” & treat – but it will still be a whole lot of fun! We will have tables set up for your candy, we have games for the little ones after “treating”, and we are feeding everyone supper (hot dogs, chili & fixings, ice cream sandwiches and drinks provided – no need to bring anything but your appetite! However, we would appreciate some help with clean-up!). We will have a Costume Parade emceed by Pastor Jody and Melinda Marsalis & all who parade can place their Pantry Project item on the special table for that purpose! It’s shaping up to be a really fun evening! Hope to see you there!



THE RPC PANTRY PROJECT

As some of you may or may not know, RPC member Jenna Jordan Hopper is an Area Social Work Supervisor for the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services. She has reached out to RPC members in the past for assistance in providing food, housekeeping items, and toiletries for families and children in need. Jenna and Lynn Hill met a couple of weeks ago to discuss how RPC could be prepared to provide assistance at a moment's notice – because that's usually how much time our social workers have to take care of these families. Jenna wondered if we (RPC) could create a “pantry” designed specifically to meet these needs. After brainstorming about this, they thought perhaps we could use a former Sunday school room in our Educational Building. RPC could purchase wire shelving (like the PW purchased to store items needed for bereavement meals) and set it up in that room. Jenna came up with a specific list (see below) that could be shared with our congregation in order to stock it & she offered to take charge of keeping inventory and letting us know when items run low. She mentioned that, more often than not, she and her associates often pay for the items out of their pocket with no reimbursement. The funds are just not there. We believe this would be a wonderful opportunity to serve these children and their families, and the foster families that open their homes to these kids. Jenna is our Visionary Committee coordinator for our Outreach & Missions Ministry Team, & after sending this proposal to our session, it was wholeheartedly & enthusiastically approved. And just like that, The Pantry Project is becoming a reality!

If you want to participate, simply bring any of the items on the provided list & place them in the bins found in the narthex, OR come by the church office & drop them off with Lynn Hill.

PANTRY PROJECT ITEMS NEEDED

Food:	Toiletries:	Household Items:
Ramen Noodles	Toothpaste	Paper Towels
Spaghetti Noodles/Boxed Pasta	Toothbrushes	Toilet Paper
Rice	Feminine Products (Pads, Tampons)	Cleaning Products
Oatmeal/Non-Flavored	Shampoo/Conditioner	Laundry Detergent
Canned Soup	Soap (Bar Soap)	Band-Aids
Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti O's	Deodorant	Towels
Canned Vegetables (Corn, Green Beans, Green Peas, Black Eyed Peas, Baked Beans, etc).	Pull-ups (2T-5T) Diapers (NB-5) Baby Wipes	Pots/Pans
Macaroni & Cheese	Baby Wash/Shampoo	Luggage/Totes
Canned Sloppy Joe Mix	Bottles	
Canned Tomato Sauce	Liquid Hand Soap	
Peanut Butter		
Jelly		
Nabs		
Goldfish		
Sugar		
Self-Rising Flour		
Powdered Milk		
Baby Water		
Bottled Water		
Tea Bags/Decaffeinated		
Hamburger Helper		