

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 ---*Joshua 24: 14-15*  
“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness;  
put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.  
Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve,  
whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites  
in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #485

“To God Be the Glory”

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 GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

THE FIRST READING | 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 *(NT p.204)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 25: 1-13 *(NT p. 28)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed”

**\*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** *(Please be seated afterwards)*

THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful  
of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might,**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;**  
**Christ will come again.**

**The Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion** | *Book of Common Worship*

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,  
You have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.  
So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE** **HYMNAL #332**  
**“Live Into Hope”**

**THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE AND BEARING CHRIST’S PEACE TO THE WORLD**

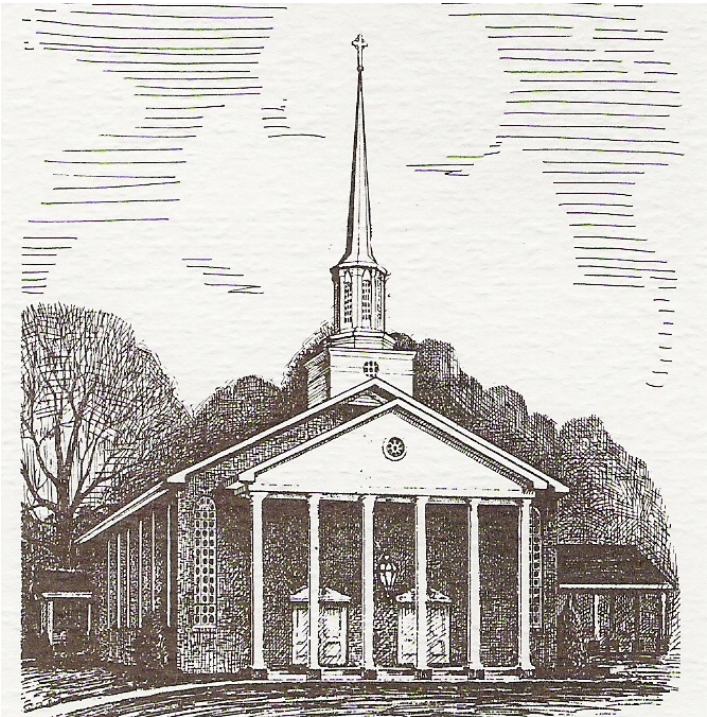
**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*\*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.*



**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, Nov. 12 | COMMUNION | Prep Team Diane Bailey & Shirley McClain  
Today, Nov. 12 | Advent Prep Team Meeting | Immediately following worship | Session Room  
Today, Nov. 12 | New Members Workshop | 3 pm – 5 pm | The Gregg Center  
Today, Nov. 12 | Choir Practice “Lesson & Carols” | 5:00 pm  
Today, Nov. 12 | Bell Choir Practice | 6:00 pm

**Nov. 13 | RPC/PW (Presbyterian Women) Meeting | 10:00 am | The Gregg Center**  
*All women of our congregation are invited! Our Bible Study books will be distributed at this meeting, pledges will be accepted, and other items will be discussed.*

Nov. 14 | “Coats for Kids” | 3 pm – 5 pm | Volunteers needed!  
Nov. 15 | “The Journey” Bible Study | 6:00 pm via Facebook (last one for 2023!)  
Nov. 16 | “Coats for Kids” | 3 pm – 5pm | Volunteers needed!

November 19| A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship to elect elders for the Class of 2026.  
The Officer Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following nominees:  
Elder Class of 2026 | Ann Wigington, Price Elliott, & Vince Jordan

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

The nation of Israel & all those impacted by this act of terrorism, Jovie Hill, Slate Smith (infant son of Molly & Brad Smith), Melinda Marsalis, Sam Malette, Emily Newton, Tony Huddleston, Jason Hall, Jean Butler, Kathy Sturdivant, Donnie Cousar, Gunner Duncan, Deanna Hartman, Richard Todd, Richard Marsalis, Jane Tisdale, Helen Beavers, Harry Ward, Freddy Daniel, Felix Jones, Paula Jordan, Mike Carter, Billy & Nyleen Hopkins & family, Phyllis McCafferty, Angela Johnson, Pat Hopper, Amy Reaves, Joyce Clemmer, Charles & Carolyn Bryant, Stephanie Drewery Highland, Jennifer Childs, Diana Hendricks, Sam Buchanan, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, 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.

*If you wish to have a name removed or added to this list, please contact the church office.*

Our Deepest Sympathies to....

The family of Bill Rainer  
The family of Andrew Philip Carter  
The family of Ron Meeks

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 11/5/23: \$8,450.00  
Worship Attendance 11/5/23: 69

**RPC NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS | The Tippah County Good Samaritan Center**  
**Goal: \$750.00. Total Collected as of 11/5/2023: \$540.00**

THE RPC PANTRY PROJECT

*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.*

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		