

DECEMBER 3, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 A.M.

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 ---Isaiah 64: 1, 4, 8
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence---From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE HYMNAL #9
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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 GLORIA PATRI HYMNAL #579

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | HOPE
Jenna & Austin Hopper, Brooks & Tatum

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Mark 13: 24-37 (NT p. 50)

THE SERMON TITLE | “Keep Awake”

*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

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT FOR THOSE MAKING
A PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE HYMNAL #8
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

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.

Profession of Faith with the Pastor

*If you have never made a profession of faith and asked Christ
to be the Lord of your life, Pastor Jody will be happy to help you begin that journey today.
He is available to meet in the Pastor's Study each Sunday immediately following
worship to discuss the gift of salvation God has prepared for us all.
Just ask him during greeting time after worship if he has a few minutes to talk.*

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.....

The lovely floral arrangement is provided today by Monya & Jody Hill & their family in honor of Gerald & Sherry Hill’s wedding anniversary.

Today, Dec. 3 | Moving the Chrismon Tree (& a few other things) from the Gregg Center to the Sanctuary. Please let Jason Scott know if you can stay for a few minutes after today’s worship to help!

Today, Dec. 3 | Bell Choir Practice | 4:00 pm
Today, Dec. 3 | Choir Practice “Lesson & Carols” | 5:00 pm
Wed., Dec. 6 | “Decorating the Sanctuary” | 5:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 10 | The Hanging of the Greens Service | 10:30 am
Sun., Dec. 10 | “Lessons & Carols” | 4:00 pm *(Choir will meet at 2:00 pm for practice)*
Mon. Dec 11 | RPC/PW Christmas Brunch | 11:00 am
Bring a brunch item and fellowship with us!

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

The nation of Israel & all those impacted by this act of terrorism, Randall Miller, Michele Elliott, Denise Summer, Lisa Butler Brown, Lorenzo Medford, David Russell, Ruthie Bridges, Joey Mauney, Ginger Vick, Jovie Hill, Sam Malette, Emily Newton, Jason Hall, Jean Butler, Kathy Sturdivant, Donnie Cousar, Gunner Duncan, Deanna Hartman, Richard Todd, Jane Tisdale, Helen Beavers, Harry Ward, Freddy Daniel, Felix Jones, 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, 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 Joan McMillin

The family of Richard Marsalis (father of Chris Marsalis)
Arrangements are as follows:
Friday, December 8
Visitation 5pm to 7 pm | Service at 7pm
McBride’s Funeral Home, Ripley MS

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

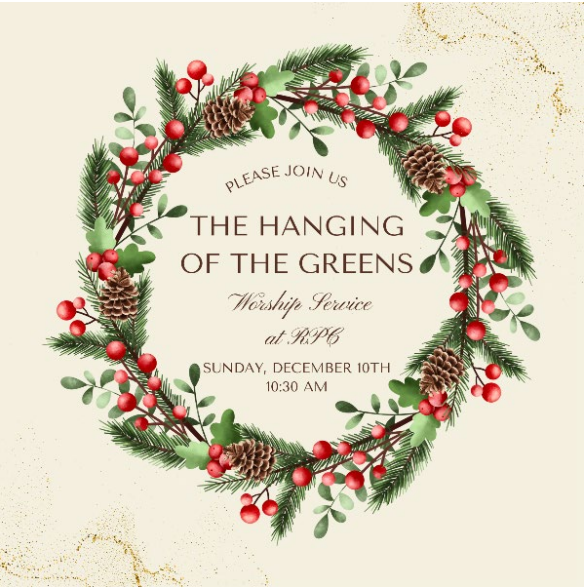
Lorenzo Medford, Laron Shannon, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2023 Budget: \$2,860.29 Offering Received 11/26/23: \$3,250.00
Worship Attendance 11/26/23: 81

RPC NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS | The Tippah County Good Samaritan Center
Goal: \$750.00. Final Total Collected: \$1,985.00

RPC DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS | “Together For Tippah”
Goal: \$750.00





Food & fellowship and maybe a visit from jolly old St. Nick!

If you can bring or volunteer for any of the following, please text Lynn Hill at 662-837-6678:

- 1. Crock pot of Soup (we need at least 10!)
- 2. Crackers (saltines)
- 3. Cornbread Muffins
- 4. Chips (Fritos or Tostitos)
- 5. A dessert (your choice!)
- 6. Volunteer for Kitchen Crew
- 7. Volunteer for Clean-Up Crew

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		