

# THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

GREETING THE GATHERED *The Peace of Christ our Lord be with you!*  
**ALL: And Also With You!**

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM | “Lullaby Prayer” (A Prayer for Children) | *Heather Sorenson*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP  
*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.*  
---Psalm 72:18

The Infant Baptism of Howell Holland Addison, son of Patrick & Julie Addison

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE, PASTORAL PRAYER, **AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

I. THE ADVENT WREATH | *Grace-Anne Brown & Bobby Elliott*  
Isaiah 35:1-4; Philippians 4:4-5 & Background

**\*Carol #25**                      **“Away in a Manger”**                      MUELLER  
*(Please stand and sing the first verse)*

II. THE BALCONY & SANCTUARY WINDOWS | *Merle Norton & Terrye Grisham*  
Luke 2: 10-14 & Background

**Carol #56**                      **“The First Nowell”**                      THE FIRST NOEL  
*(Please remain seated and sing the first verse.)*

*As the carol is sung, the balcony & window decorations will be completed.*

III. THE PULPIT | *Kate & Dan Adams*  
Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-23 & Background

**Carol #23**                      **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**                      GLORIA  
*(Please remain seated and sing the first verse.)*

IV. THE POINSETTIAS | *Jennifer Huddleston*  
Psalm 84:1-4, Jeremiah 25:5-6 & Background

**Carol #38**                      **“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”**                      CAROL  
*(Please remain seated and sing the first verse)*

*As the carol is being sung, the final poinsettias will be set in place.*

V. THE CHRISMON TREE | *Melinda & Chris Marsalis*  
John 1: 1-5 & Background

**\*Carol #60**                      **“Silent Night, Holy Night”**                      STILLE NACHT  
*(Please stand and sing the first two verses.)*

*As the carol is being sung, the final Chrismons will be placed  
on the branches of the Chrismon Tree and the lights will be turned on.*

VI. THE CHURCH BELLS | *Elizabeth Elliott*  
Psalm 5: 11-12 & Background

*The Ringing of Our Church Bell & The RPC Bell Choir*

VII. THE CLOSING OF THE SERVICE | *Lynne & Norris Howell*  
Psalm 150 & Background

**\*Carol #41**                      **“O Come All Ye Faithful”**                      ADESTE FIDELES  
*(Please stand and sing first and third verses)*

**\*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

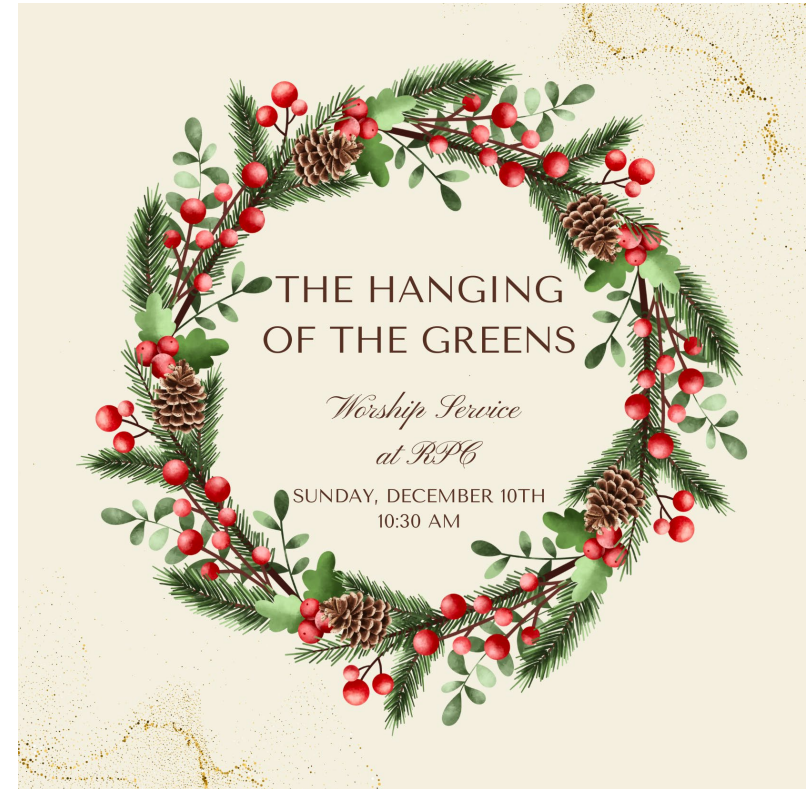
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill & Norris Howell

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.

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**Please Note.....**

Today, 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!*  
Dec. 17 | “Soup & Santa” | Immediately following worship in the Gregg Center.  
Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service | 5:00 pm

**A Note of Special Thanks...**

To Jennifer Huddleston; all of our Readers and those assisting this morning with the decorations; Jason & Ryan Scott, Jack Reid, Barry Cook, Benton Elliott, Price Elliott, & Joey Bullock for setting up the Chrismon Tree; Earnest Rainer for making sure the Chrismon lights shine brightly; Sharon Goolsby & Mary Ann Brown for decorating our windows; EVERYONE who pitched in & helped with decorating the Chrismon Tree & our sanctuary & the Gregg Center Wednesday night; and Kate & Dan Adams & Hannah Warhurst for our beautiful Advent Wreath---thank you.

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

The nation of Israel & all affected by war, Johnny Daniel, Jerry Huddleston, Ellasyn Ivy, 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, Jane Tisdale, Helen Beavers, Harry Ward, Freddy Daniel, Felix Jones, Mike Carter, Billy & Nyleen Hopkins & family, Angela Johnson, Pat Hopper, Amy Reaves, 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, 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 Joel Skinner

**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 12/3/23: \$6,844.00  
Worship Attendance 12/3/23: 93

**RPC DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS | “Together For Tippah”**

**Goal: \$750.00. Total Collected as of 12/3/23: \$505.00.**



*We will offer the opportunity to contribute to The Tippah County Good Samaritan center in the RPC Narthex before and after the program.*





**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 7 more!!!!)
- 2. Crackers (saltines)
- 3. Cornbread Muffins
- 4. Chips (Fritos or Tostitos)
- 5. A dessert (your choice!)
- 6. Volunteer for Kitchen Crew (we need helpers!)
- 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		



In Honor of Becky Smith  
By Melinda & Chris Marsalis

In Honor of Merle Norton  
By Melinda & Chris Marsalis

In Honor of Tommy Covington  
By Melinda & Chris Marsalis

In Memory of Richard Lynn Marsalis  
By Melinda & Chris Marsalis

In Honor of Our Children  
By Ann & Hollis Wigington

In Honor of our Grandchildren  
& our Great-Grandson  
By Ann & Hollis Wigington

In Honor of Dr. Charles Elliott  
By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott

In Honor of Benny & Marilyn Harrell  
By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott

In Honor of all new RPC Members  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Honor of Leah & Miles Harrell  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Honor of Betty & Gary King  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of John Harrell  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of our Grandparents  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of Raiford Long  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of Leon Bailey  
By Diane Bailey

In Honor of Bailey & Sam Steverson  
By Diane Bailey

In Honor of Helen Parks, Elizabeth Jordan,  
& Hayes Stubbs  
By Linda & Mark Stubbs



In Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Walter Smith  
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Benton Elliott  
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Honor of the Elliott Grandchildren &  
Great-grandchild  
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Memory of Buddy Grisham  
By Terrye Grisham

In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Elliott, Mr. &  
Mrs. Austin Brown, Charles Elliott & Tori  
Stroupe, & Shirley Lockhart  
By Price & Reeca Elliott

In Memory of Tommy Lockhart &  
Our Grandparents  
By Price & Reeca Elliott

In Memory of Bobby, Sue & Rob Nabors  
By Garry & Rosemary Reed

In Memory of Shirley Reed & Buddy Reed  
By Garry & Rosemary Reed

In Honor of Merle Norton  
By Garry & Rosemary Reed

In Honor of Becky Smith  
By Garry & Rosemary Reed

In Honor of Lorenzo Medford  
By Pat Ledbetter

In Honor of Becky Smith  
and in Memory of Joe Smith  
By Sue Ellen & Max Miller

In Memory of Ann Witt Long  
By Sue Elen & Max Miller

In Honor of Holland Howell Addison  
By Norris & Lynne Howell

In Honor of Ossie Carmel Addison  
By Norris & Lynne Howell

In Memory of OC & J.D. Thomas  
By Norris & Lynne Howell





In Memory of Valerie & Gene Howell  
By Norris & Lynne Howell

In Memory of Craig Goolsby  
By Robert & Sharon Goolsby

In Memory of Keith Alan Richey  
& Lesli Morris Wolford  
By Rich Cousar

In Memory of Don Cousar  
By Jane Cousar

In Honor of Beth Kuykendall  
By Betty & Fred Anderson

In Memory of Jean Ketchum  
By Betty & Fred Anderson, Jimmy &  
Courtney Anderson, & Sara & Blair Tynes

In Honor of Jude Marshall Hill  
By Kenny & Lynn Hill

In Honor of the RPC Choir  
& the RPC Bell Choir  
By Kenny & Lynn Hill

In Memory of Shelia & Myra Kuykendall  
By Beth & Bill Kuykendall & Family

In Memory of Dan, Bea & Joe Wiggs  
By Beth & Bill Kuykendall & Family

In Memory of Jean Ketchum  
By Bill & Beth Kuykendall & Family

In Memory of Paul Gillmore  
By Ann Reynolds Gillmore

In Memory of Angela Gillmore  
By Ann Reynolds Gillmore

In Memory of Nan & Dan Reynolds  
By Ann Reynolds Gillmore

In Memory of Ray & Bud Gaillard  
By Shirley McClain

In Honor of Jennifer Huddleston  
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Lynn Hill  
By Monya & Jody Hill