

DECEMBER 17, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 A.M.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

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 ---*Luke 1: 46b-50*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #53

"What Child Is This"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love.
We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive.
We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love,
but also our resistance to follow you without question.
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should.
Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds;
with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed,
and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
we are now justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
Romans 3:21-24

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

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | *JOY*
Chris & Melinda Marsalis

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (*NT p. 91*)

THE SERMON TITLE | "The Light of Joy"

*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 HYMN OF RESPONSE

HYMNAL #40

"Joy to the World!"

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.

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PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

The nation of Israel & all those affected by war, Yadira Romo, Danny Lawson, Darlene Thompson, Helen Beavers, 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, Richard Todd, Jane Tisdale, Harry Ward, Freddy Daniel, Felix Jones, Mike Carter, Billy & Nyleen Hopkins & family, Angela Johnson, Amy Reaves, Charles & Carolyn Bryant, Stephanie Drewery Highland, 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 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 12/10/23: \$5,070.00
Worship Attendance 12/10/23: 110

RPC DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS | “Together For Tippah”

Goal: \$750.00. Total Collected as of 12/10/23: \$735

“A Heart for Yadira” Benefit (at Lessons & Carols)

Total Collected as of 12/10/23: \$1,690.

If you would like to contribute, we will be accepting donations through 12/31/23.

Today, Dec. 17 | “Soup & Santa” Fellowship meal immediately following worship in The Gregg Center. All are invited to attend!





*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion
Service*

24TH of DECEMBER
5:00 PM
RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HOPE · PEACE · JOY · LOVE



Please join us for this very special service.

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		