

DECEMBER 24, 2023	MORNING WORSHIP 4TH 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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE   <i>LOVE</i> <i>Clint &amp; Alexis Stubbs</i>	
THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	
PRELUDE <i>The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.</i>			THE ANTHEM	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP --- <i>Luke 1: 46b-50</i> 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 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE			THE SERMON TEXT   Luke 1: 26-38 ( <i>NT p. 56</i> )	
“The First Nowell”			THE SERMON TITLE   “The Servant of the Lord”	
THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: O promised Christ, We are a world without your peace. We are a sinful people, full of good intentions, but failing to carry them out. Please forgive our failures. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, we wait for your grace, that will bring us your pardon, and give us your peace. Even so come, Lord Jesus. Amen			*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 SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN			THE OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY	
THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.			*THE DOXOLOGY ( <i>Please be seated afterwards</i> )	
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER	
			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE	HYMNAL #41
			“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	
			THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	
			*PASSING THE PEACE AND BEARING CHRIST’S PEACE TO THE WORLD	
			*THE POSTLUDE	
			<i>*All Who Are Able Please Stand</i>	

## 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...

If you purchased a poinsettia, please collect after the worship service today. Thank you!



**December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Joy Offering (PC/USA)**

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

*The RPC Office will be closed December 25-December 28.  
Please contact Pastor Jody, Lynn Hill, or any of your elders should an emergency arise.*

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

The nation of Israel & all those affected by war, Sadie Stubbs (daughter of Will & Wittney Stubbs), Mickey Hill, Elliott Bailey, Baby Parker, 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 12/17/23: \$4,008.00

Worship Attendance 12/17/23: 91

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

Goal: \$750.00. Total Collected as of 12/17/23: \$770

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

Total Collected as of 12/17/23: \$1,7400.

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



*Please join us for this very special service.*