

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 61: 10*
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #27

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in the darkness.
We confess we have not welcomed Your light, or trusted Your good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to Your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so we may receive the fullness of Your grace,
and live in the truth of Jesus Christ the Lord.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
God, who did not withhold the Beloved Son, but gave him up for all of us.
Will God not also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect?
It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. -- Romans 8: 31-34

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

THE FIRST READING | Galatians 4: 4-7 *(NT pg.189)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Luke 2: 22-40 *(NT p. 59)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation”

***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 #22

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

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

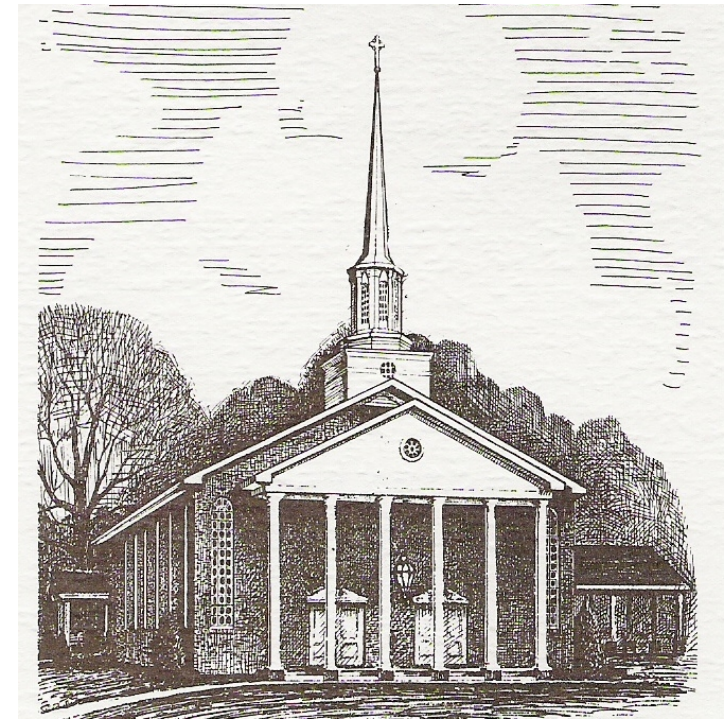
RPC Staff

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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Please Note....

The RPC Office will be closed January 1, 2024.
Please contact Pastor Jody, Lynn Hill, or any of your elders should an emergency arise.

Jan. 7 | Elder Installation & Ordination for the Class of 2026.
Ann Wigington, Price Elliott & Vince Jordan.
Jan. 7 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am
Jan. 8 | RPC/PW Bible Study | 10 am in the Gregg Center
Bible Study Leader: Deborah Steverson

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

The nation of Israel & all those affected by war, Shirley Huddleston, 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 Deepest Sympathies to...

The family of Roger Yancey
The family of John Orman
The family of David Russell

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

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

Christmas Joy Offering (PC/USA)

Total Collected: \$150.00

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2023 Budget: \$2,860.29 Offering Received 12/24/23: \$4,385.00
Worship Attendance 12/24/23: 98

RPC DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS | “Together For Tippah”

Goal: \$750.00. Total Collected as of 12/24/23: \$1,375

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

Total Collected as of 12/24/23: \$6,840.00.

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

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.
Please remember this is a continuing ministry for our church; however, we will post this list once monthly, instead of every week. Monetary donations are also welcomed!

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		