

JANUARY 7, 2024	MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.	*THE GLORIA PATRI	HYMNAL #579
BAPTISM OF THE LORD			THE FIRST READING   Ephesians 3: 1-12 <i>(NT pg.193)</i>	
GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you! ALL: And also with you!			TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES	
THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS			THE ANTHEM	
The Installation & Ordination of the Elder Class of 2026			THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
PRELUDE <i>The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.</i>			THE SERMON TEXT   Matthew 2: 1-12 <i>(NT p. 2)</i>	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP --- <i>Isaiah 60: 1-3</i> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawns.			THE SERMON TITLE   “The Epiphany of the Lord”	
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE	“As With Gladness Men of Old”	HYMNAL #63	*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 PRAYER OF CONFESSION: We confess that we have sacrificed Your goodness for material goods. We have meditated on our problems instead of meditating on Your promises. We have shunned Your faithful love by seeking solace in sinful places. We humbly seek Your mercy, O Lord. Please forgive our rebellion and ignorance, our wayward hearts and loose tongues. Restore us, O Lord, to the joy of Your salvation and make us willing to obey You. Amen.			THE OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY	
THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN			*THE DOXOLOGY <i>(Please be seated afterwards)</i>	
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			THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER	
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.			*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “We Three Kings of Orient Are”  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

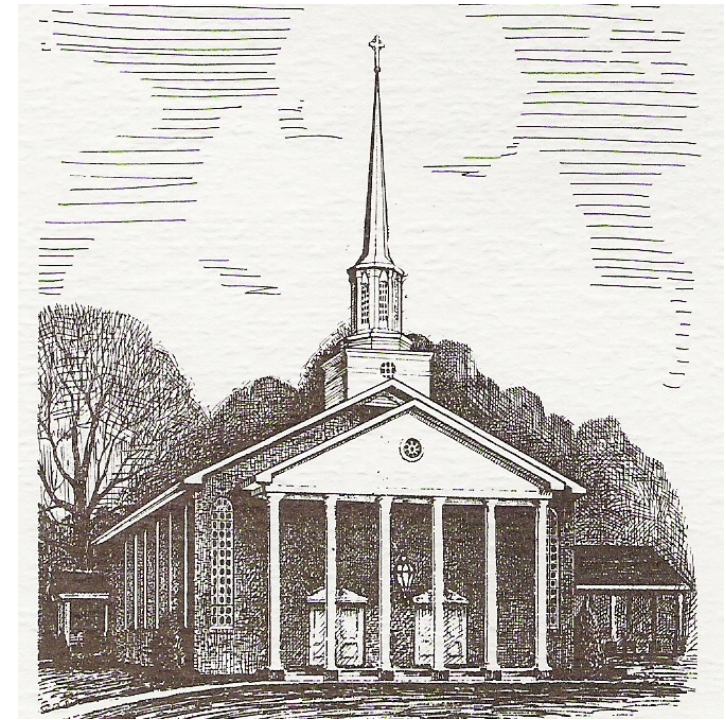
#### RPC Staff

Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor  
Jennifer Huddleston | Choir Director  
Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist

#### RPC 2024 Session Members

Moderator Rev. Dr. Jody Hill  
Class of 2026 | Price Elliott, Vince Jordan, & Ann Wigington  
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill & Norris Howell  
Class of 2024 | Bobby Elliott & Shea Scott  
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, Jan. 7 | Elder Installation & Ordination for the Class of 2026.  
Ann Wigington, Price Elliott & Vince Jordan.  
Today, Jan. 7 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am  
Today, Jan. 7 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm  
Jan. 10 | “The Journey” Bible Study | 6:00 pm via Facebook Live.  
*Can be watched later on Facebook or the RPC YouTube channel.*  
Jan. 15 | 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, Hannah Hurt Jones, Linda Millwood, Ann Gillmore, Ruby Rutledge, Sadie Stubbs, Mickey Hill, Baby Parker, Yadira Romo, Danny Lawson, Darlene Thompson, Helen Beavers, Johnny Daniel, Jerry Huddleston, Denise Summer, Lisa Butler Brown, Lorenzo Medford, David Russell, Ruthie Bridges, Joey Mauney, Ginger Vick, Emily Newton, Jason Hall, Jean Butler, Kathy Sturdivant, Donnie Cousar, Gunner Duncan, Deanna Hartman, Jane Tisdale, Harry Ward, Freddy Daniel, 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 Nyleen Hopkins  
The family of Roger Yancey

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

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

Christmas Joy Offering (PC/USA)

Final Total Collected: \$1,375.00

RPC DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS | “Together For Tippah”

Goal \$750 | Final Total Collected: \$1,475

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

Final Total Collected: \$6,940.00.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2023 Budget: \$2,860.29      Offering Received 12/31/23: \$4,675.00  
Worship Attendance 12/31/23: 58

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS | The South Tippah District Lunch Fund

These funds will assist any student in the South Tippah District school system that does not have the money to pay for their lunch, or that has an outstanding bill that cannot be paid by their parents or caregivers.

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		

