

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 ---*Genesis 17: 1-4*  
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him,  
“I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant  
between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.”  
Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,  
“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.”

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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 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 | Romans 4: 13-25 *(NT pg.155)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Mark 8: 31-38 *(NT p.44)*

THE SERMON TITLE | “Set Your Mind on Divine Things”

**\*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 #442

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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 2024 Session Members

Moderator Rev. Dr. Jody Hill  
Class of 2026 | Price Elliott, Vince Jordan, & Ann Wigington  
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill  
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....**

*The lovely floral arrangement is provided today by The Seekers Sunday School class.*

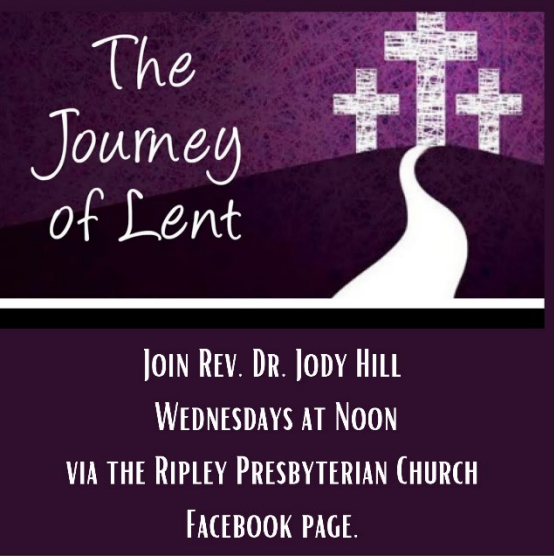
**March 3 | Easter Egg Hunt Committee Meeting | 11:30 am**

Members: Grace Ann Brown, Monya Hill, Beth Kuykendall, Melinda Marsalis, Linda Stubbs, Ann Wigington, Lynn Hill (& *anyone else who wants to help!*).  
Chairpersons: Jenna Hopper, Anna Jordan

*If you’d like to help “stuff eggs”—please pick up a bag of eggs in the narthex, stuff them with candy, and return to RPC by March 17<sup>th</sup>!*

March 3 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm  
Bell Choir Practice | 6:00 pm

**Wednesdays at Noon | “The Lenten Journey”**



**RPC Weekly Financial Update**

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67    Offering Received 2/18/24: \$2,665.00  
Worship Attendance 2/18/24: 60

**RPC FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS | “Souper Bowl of Caring”**

Total Collected as of 2/18/24: \$1,295.00

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need.

Please give generously on February 11 (Super Bowl Sunday), & throughout the month of February.

*Every dollar donated goes to The Tippah County Good Samaritan Center—our 2024 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.*

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Tracey Stewart, Mickey Hill, Kay Clark, Sherry Hill, Larry & Jean Davis, Hannah H. Jones, Baby Parker, Yadira Romo, Darlene Thompson, Joey Mauney, Emily Newton, Jason Hall, Donnie Cousar, Gunner Duncan, Deanna Hartman, Jane Tisdale, Freddy Daniel, Sam Buchanan, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, Carolyn Dickerson Burge, Brad Sullivan, Wayne Steverson, Anne Elliott, Ali Rae Barkley, Tina Sanford, Gayle & Harvey Childers, 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 Charles E. Hodges  
The family of Michael Peeler  
The family of Olivia Pounders

**Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents**

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

**THE RPC PANTRY PROJECT**

*If you want to participate, simply bring any of the items on the provided list & come by the church office & drop them off with Lynn Hill.*

*Monetary donations are also welcomed!*

***Items that we desperately need to replenish:***

**Baby Formula (Enfamil)**  
**Baby Wipes**  
**Newborn Diapers**  
**Diapers Size 5**  
**Pullups**  
**Baby Soap/Wash**  
**Adult Soap**  
**Washing Detergent**