

APRIL 21, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 ---*John 10: 11, 15, 17*

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
...just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.
For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #355

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others.

We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused that makes it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
-Isaiah 43: 18-19

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

*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

THE FIRST READING | 1 John 3: 16-24 (*NT p.240*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | Psalm 23 (*OT p. 501*)

THE SERMON TITLE | "The Lord is My Shepherd"

*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

THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD'S PRAYER

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

HYMNAL #387

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

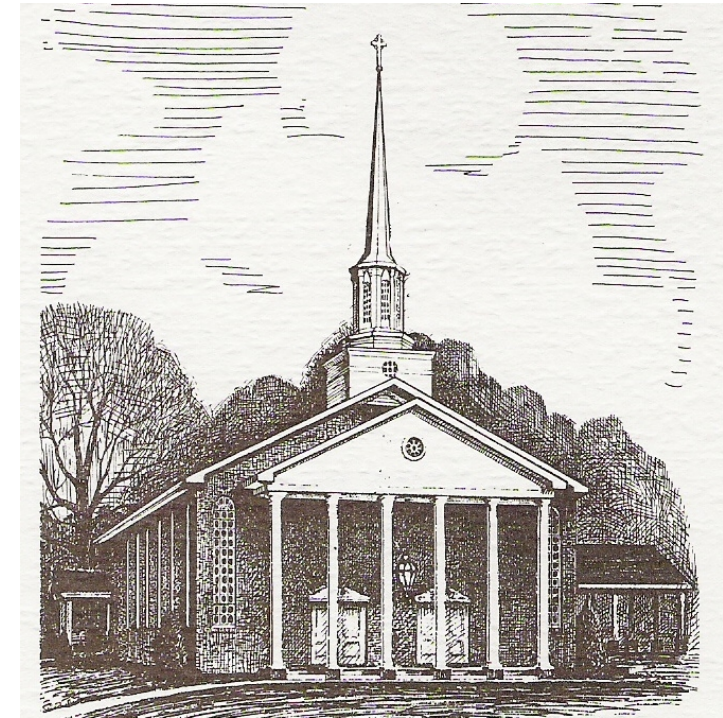
*If you have never made a profession of faith and asked Christ
to be the Lord of your life, Pastor Jody will be happy to help you begin that journey today.
He is available to meet in the Pastor's Study each Sunday immediately following
worship to discuss the gift of salvation God has prepared for us 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...

Today, April 21 | Session Meeting 11:30 am

Today, April 21 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

Today, April 21 | Bell Choir Practice | 6:00 pm



Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates are available May 19th & 26th, and any Sunday in June. To provide flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, contact Lynn Hill (lynn@xcavators-inc., or 662-837-6678). Contributions to the RPC/PW Flower Fund are greatly appreciated. If you want a particular date to provide flowers on a Sunday morning, please reserve that date with Lynn in advance. Arrangements typically run \$35 each.

Sunday, April 28 | 1 pm – 2 pm

The RPC/Presbyterian Women will host a wedding shower in honor of Tori Stroupe & Charles Elliott. All the women of the congregation are invited to attend.



Wedding Shower

TORI STROUPE & CHARLES ELLIOTT

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

305 WEST COOPER ST RIPLEY MS



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The RPC Office will be closed April 22 – April 25.

Please contact Pastor Jody or any of your Session Elders in case of emergency.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67 Offering Received 4/14/24: \$3,636.00

Worship Attendance 4/14/24: 73

RPC APRIL MISSION FOCUS | Ripley Boys & Girls Club



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Goal of \$500.00. Total collected as of 4/14/24: \$380.00

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Randle & Sue Huddleston, Anthony Wommack, Carl Witt, Shirley Huddleston, Becky & Don Montgomery, David Morrow, Craig Sherrer, Donna Daniel, Laura Hines, Dr. Sharon Enzor, Robert Hughes, Melrose Roberson, Tracey Stewart, Josh Smith, Mickey Hill, Kay Clark, Sherry Hill, Larry & Jean Davis, Hannah H. Jones, Baby Parker, Yadira Romo, Darlene Thompson, 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 Phillip Waldon

The family of Bobbie Jean Wommack

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Lorenzo Medford, Laron Shannon, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman