

APRIL 7, 2024

## MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

2<sup>ND</sup> 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 ---*Psalm 133*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #343

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.**

**Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent;**

**according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name.**

**Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.

This proves God's love for us: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. -- Romans 5: 6, 8, 9

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

THE FIRST READING | Acts 4: 32-35 (*NT p.122*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM | "As You Serve, Remember Me"

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON TEXT | John 20: 19-31 (*NT p. 115*)

THE SERMON TITLE | "Peace Be With You"

\*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 #435

*"We All Are One in Mission"*

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

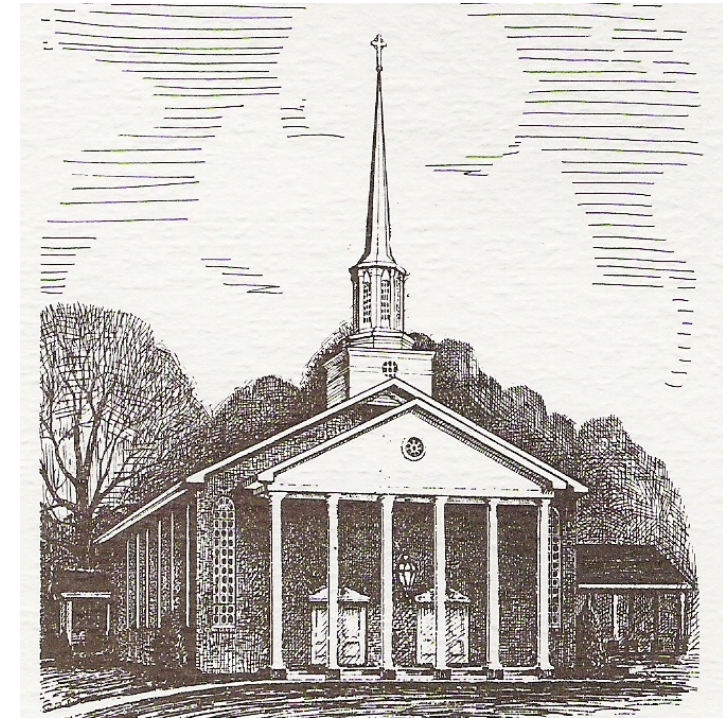
*If you have never made a profession of faith and asked Christ  
to be the Lord of your life, Pastor Jody will be happy to help you begin that journey today.  
He is available to meet in the Pastor's Study each Sunday immediately following  
worship to discuss the gift of salvation God has prepared for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

*Our lovely flowers today are provided by Shirley McClain in memory of her son, Ray Gaillard.*

**April 15** | RPC/PW Bible Study | 10 am | Gregg Center  
All women of the congregation are invited to attend!

**April 21** | Session Meeting 11:30 am

**April 21** | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

**April 21** | Bell Choir Practice | 6:00 pm

**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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**RPC Weekly Financial Update**

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67    Offering Received 3/31/24: \$5,392.00

Worship Attendance 3/31/24: 170

**RPC APRIL MISSION FOCUS | Ripley Boys & Girls Club**



**RPC MARCH MISSION FOCUS | Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund**

**Final Total collected: \$1,225.00. Thank you!**



**Final Total collected: \$575.00. Thank you!**

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Shirley Huddleston, Becky & Don Montgomery, David Morrow, Craig Sherrer, Donna Daniel, Laura Hines, Dr. Sharon Enzor, Phil Waldon, 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 David James

The family of Josh Heavener

The family of Jeff Clifton

The family of Jennifer Lowery

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

Lorenzo Medford, Laron Shannon, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman