

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

GREETING THE GATHERED *The Peace of Christ our Lord be with you!*
ALL: And Also With You!

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
---Psalm 72:18

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE #31** **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** MENDELSSOHN

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

I. THE ADVENT WREATH | *Josh, Molly, & Sully Smith*
Isaiah 35:1-4; Philippians 4:4-5 & Background

***Carol #25** **"Away in a Manger"** MUELLER
(Please stand and sing the first verse)

II. THE BALCONY & SANCTUARY WINDOWS | *Cathy Dunaway*
Luke 2: 10-14 & Background

Carol #56 **"The First Nowell"** THE FIRST NOEL
(Please remain seated and sing the first verse.)

As the carol is sung, the balcony & window decorations will be completed.

III. THE PULPIT | *Rev. Dr. Jody Hill*
Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-23 & Background

Carol #23 **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** GLORIA
(Please remain seated and sing the first verse.)

IV. THE POINSETTIAS | *Ann Gillmore*
Psalm 84:1-4, Jeremiah 25:5-6 & Background

Carol #38 **"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"** CAROL
(Please remain seated and sing the first verse)

As the carol is being sung, the final poinsettias will be set in place.

V. THE CHRISMON TREE | *Jennifer Huddleston*
John 1: 1-5 & Background

***Carol #60** **"Silent Night, Holy Night"** STILLE NACHT
(Please stand and sing the first two verses.)

As the carol is being sung, the final Chrismons will be placed on the branches of the Chrismon Tree by our Young Disciples and the lights will be turned on.

VI. THE CHURCH BELLS | *Chris & Melinda Marsalis*
Psalm 5: 11-12 & Background

The Ringing of Our Church Bell
The RPC Bell Choir | "Carol of the Bells" | UKRANIAN CAROL

VII. THE CLOSING OF THE SERVICE | *Austin, Jenna, Brooks & Tatum Hopper*
Psalm 150 & Background

***Carol #41** **"O Come All Ye Faithful"** ADESTE FIDELES
(Please stand and sing first and third verses)

*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
Sue Ellen Miller | Organist
Blake McGaughy | Handbell Director

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



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.

Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor

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A Note of Special Thanks...

To Jennifer Huddleston; All of our Readers and those assisting this morning with the service; Blake McGaughy for setting up the Chrismon Tree; Sharon Goolsby & Mary Ann Brown for decorating our windows; EVERYONE who pitched in & helped with decorating the Chrismon Tree & our sanctuary Wednesday night; and Kate & Dan Adams for our beautiful Advent Wreath---**Thank You.**

Today, December 8 | “Lessons & Carols” | 4:00 pm

We will offer the opportunity to contribute to The Tippah County Good Samaritan Center in the RPC Narthex before and after the program.
(Choir & Handbell Choir will meet at 2:00 pm for practice)

Mon. December 9 | RPC/PW Christmas Brunch | 11:00 am

Bring a brunch item and fellowship with us!

December 15 | “Soup & Santa” Fellowship Meal

We are preparing for our final fellowship event of 2024 & we need volunteers! Please fill out the insert if you would like to help out, and place in the offertory plate at the end of service.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available January 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th.

To provide flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, contact Lynn Hill

(lynn@xcavators-inc., or call/text 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.

The RPC Organ Maintenance & Upgrade Fund

This special fund is designated toward the maintenance and much-needed upgrades for our pipe organ – one of the very few still in use in the state of Mississippi. If you would like to contribute toward this fund in honor or memory of an individual, or simply offer a donation, please make out your check to “Ripley Presbyterian Church” and write “RPC Organ Fund” in the memo line.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67 Offering Received 12/1/24: \$5,515.00

Worship Attendance 12/1/24: 70



RPC DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS | Living Waters for the World (PC/USA Mission)

Goal: \$500 | Total Collected as of 12/1/24: \$200

Living Waters for the World (LWW) is a ministry of the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Believing God intends for all people to have clean water, Living Waters for the World, via enduring relationships, empowers its partners to provide long-lasting clean sustainable water for their communities. LWW water treatment systems and related educational programs address a critical niche of the world water crisis-communities with available but contaminated water. Long-term access to clean water is achieved by empowering mission teams to form partnerships with institutions, provide water treatment systems and related health education materials to their partners, train their partners to implement, operate and maintain their water systems, and lead ongoing support of its water system partners via a series of regional networks. Living Waters for the World clean water systems have now been installed at more than 750 sites in 25 nations.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Patrick Chapman, Bro. Ronnie Barefield, Kaye Smith (Benton Elliott’s mother), Caleb McAlister, Paulette Campbell, Trent Rogan, Spencer Anderson (4 yr old grandson of Tommy & Nell Hill), Martha Reid, Teresa Rhea, Don Heavener, Gary Rabe, Leanna Davis, Max Evans, John Parks, Larry Cooper, Anita Decker, Charles & Betty Holland, Phillip Verdung, Carl Nance III, Jennifer Childs, Greg Harrell, Kathy Williams, David Adams, Bradford Hopper, John Walker, Mickey Hill, Jan Robertson, Helen Beavers, Margie Sharp, Eddie Drewery, Tina Bonds, Rita Witt, Mary Lesterston, Donald Stubenrauch, (relatives of Randle Beavers), Shirley Huddleston, Randle & Sue Huddleston, Talana Flake, Pembroke Bonham, William Bonham, Hank Nelson (infant), Jamie Wall, Carl Witt, David Morrow, Donna Daniel, Laura Hines, Dr. Sharon Enzor, Robert Hughes, Hannah H. Jones, Gunner Duncan, Deanna Hartman, Jane Tisdale, Freddy Daniel, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, Brad Sullivan, Wayne Steverson, 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 Jean Butler

The family of Ray Henderson

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman



In Honor of Our Parents
By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott

In Honor of Our Grandparents
By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott

In Honor of Leah & Miles Harrell
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of John Harrell
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of our Grandparents
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of Leon Bailey, Jr.
By Diane Bailey

In Honor of Bailey & Sam Steverson
By Diane Bailey

In Memory of Helen & Pete Elliott
By Diane Bailey



In Honor of Helen Parks,
Elizabeth Jordan, & Hayes & Ella Stubbs
By Linda & Mark Stubbs

In Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Walter Smith
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Benton Elliott
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Honor of the Elliott Children
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Honor of the Elliott Grandchildren &
Great-Grandchild
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Memory of Buddy Grisham
By Terrye Grisham

In Honor of Anne & Bobby Elliott, Grace-
Anne & Austin Brown, Charles & Tori
Elliott, & Shirley Lockhart
By Price & Reeca Elliott

In Memory of Tommy Lockhart &
Our Grandparents
By Price & Reeca Elliott



In Honor of The Seekers
Sunday School Class Teachers
By Pat Ledbetter

In Honor of the RPC/PW Circle
Bible Study Teachers
By Pat Ledbetter

In Honor of Kyle & Susan Smith
By Becky Smith

In Honor of Sue Ellen & Max Miller
By Becky Smith

In Honor of Jude Marshall Hill
By Kenny & Lynn Hill

In Memory of Tommy Covington
By Kenny & Lynn Hill

In Memory of Dr. Norris Howell
By Kenny & Lynn Hill

In Memory of Dan, Bea & Joe Wiggs
By Beth & Bill Kuykendall & Family



In Honor of Cayson Cox
By Bill & Beth Kuykendall & Family

In Memory of Angela Gillmore
By Ann Reynolds Gillmore

In Memory of Nan & Dan Reynolds
By Ann Reynolds Gillmore

In Memory of Ray Gaillard
By Shirley McClain

In Honor of Jennifer Huddleston
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Lynn Hill
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Sue Ellen Miller
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Blake McGaughy
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Rob & Dot Williams, and
George & Sally Permenter
By Sally & Fred Permenter



In Memory of Julia & Benton Elliott
By Betty & Gary King

In Memory of Catherine & Boyce King
By Betty & Gary King

In Honor of Haley, Gary, Caroline & Laynie
Banks Johnson
By Carol & Don Heavener

In Memory of Josh Heavener
By Carol & Don Heavener

In Honor of The Warhurst Family
By Kate & Dan Adams

In Honor of Adam & Lydia Murchison
By Kate & Dan Adams

In Honor of the RPC Presbyterian Women
By Illene & Mike Carter

In Memory of Tommy Covington
By Illene & Mike Carter



In Memory of Our Parents &
Grandparents
By Jason & Shea Scott

In Honor of Jane Cousar & Linda Shannon
By Jason & Shea Scott

In Honor of My Children, Grandchildren, &
Great Grandchildren
By Jane Cousar

In Honor of Becky Witt Smith
By Rich Cousar & Jane Cousar

In Memory of Strawberry & "Mimi"
Stanford
By Rich Cousar & Jane Cousar

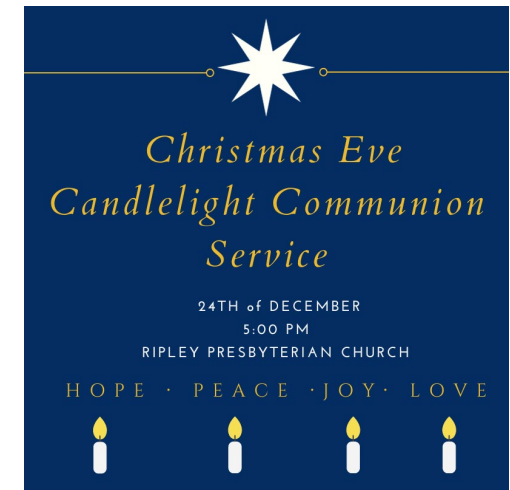
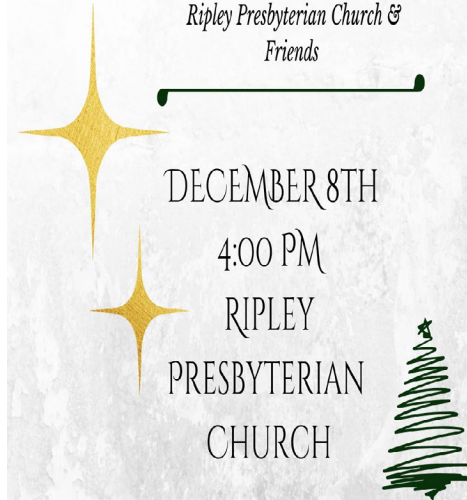
In Honor of Jane Cousar
By Rich Cousar

In Memory of Don Cousar, Betty Morris
Benedict, Leslie Wolford, Keith Alan Richey
By Rich Cousar

LESSONS & CAROLS

*Presented by
Ripley Presbyterian Church &
Friends*

DECEMBER 8TH
4:00 PM
RIPLEY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



**December 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service | 5:00 pm**
*Communion Prep Team: Diane Bailey, Shirley
McClain, Sue Ellen & Max Miller,
& Melinda Marsalis*

