

JANUARY 5, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP
2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:30 A.M.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

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 --*Isaiah 60: 1, 3, 6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #63

“As with Gladness, Men of Old”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image,

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news!

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

but in order that the world might be saved through him. --John 3:17

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

THE FIRST READING | Ephesians 3: 1-12 (*NT p. 193*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 2: 1-12 (*NT p. 2*)

THE MESSAGE | “The Epiphany of the Lord”

***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 #66

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

The Installation & Ordination of Elders | Class of 2025 & 2027

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.*

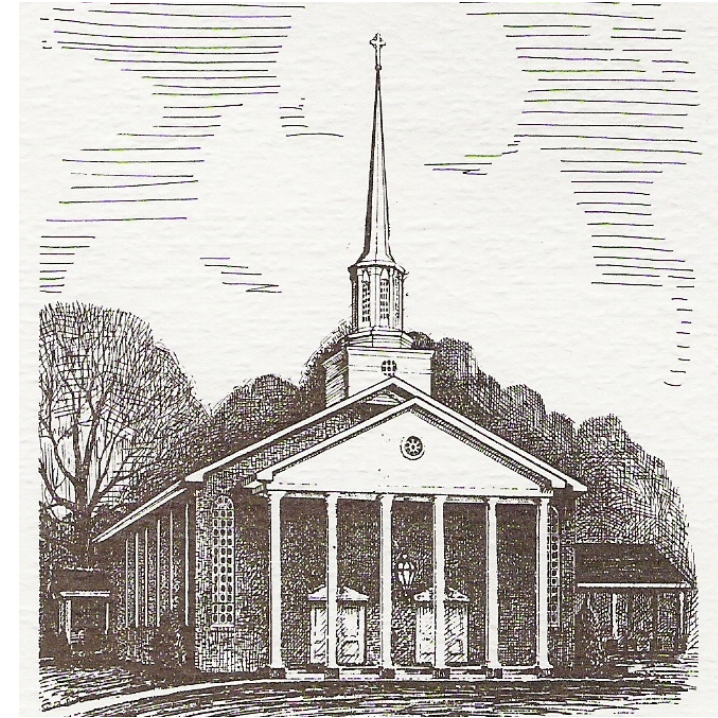
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The RPC Office is open Monday through Wednesday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, & Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

RPC Staff

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

Today, Jan. 5 | Elder Installation & Ordination Service (at the end of worship).
Dan Adams, Robert Goolsby, Jennifer Huddleston

Today, Jan. 5 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Jan. 13 | RPC/PW Bible Study | 10 am in the Gregg Center
Bible Study Leader: Ann Wigington

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available January 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 12/29/24: \$2,126.00
Worship Attendance 12/29/24: 49

Total Collected for the Christmas Joy Offering: \$225.00



RPC DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS | Living Waters for the World (PC/USA Mission)
Goal: \$500 | Final Total: \$1,415.00



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.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Ginger Britt, Vince Jordan, Mickey Hill, Jerry Henson, Verna McCabe (Donna McGaughy’s mother), Judy Austin, Kaye Smith (Benton Elliott’s mother), Caleb McAlister, Paulette Campbell, Trent Rogan, Martha Reid, Teresa Rhea, Don Heavener, 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, 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 Pete Pannell
The family of Ellen Larson (friend of Ann Gillmore)

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman

