

MARCH 9, 2025

**MORNING WORSHIP**

10:30 A.M.

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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 91: 1-2*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God,

We come before You today with open hearts, acknowledging the ways we have strayed from Your path. We confess that in moments of weakness, we have chosen the easier road instead of following Your truth. We have allowed the distractions of the world to pull us away from Your guidance, and at times, we have failed to trust in Your plan.

Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we have given in to temptation, and for the times we have failed to stand firm in our faith. Strengthen us in this season of Lent, that we may turn to You in our struggles, and find the courage to follow the path You have set before us.

May Your Word be a light to guide us, and Your Spirit be a strength to sustain us.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Friends, I declare unto you in the name of Jesus Christ: You are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE FIRST READING | Romans 10: 8b-13 (*NT p. 160*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Luke 4: 1-13 (*NT p. 61*)

THE MESSAGE | "When Temptation Comes"

\*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

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

HYMNAL #403

THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*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 2025 Session Members

Moderator Rev. Dr. Jody Hill  
Class of 2027 | Robert Goolsby & Jennifer Huddleston  
Class of 2026 | Price Elliott, Vince Jordan, & Ann Wigington  
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill & Dan Adams  
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.

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### Please Note...

We wish to thank Elder Jennifer Huddleston for agreeing to bring our message today in Pastor Jody's absence. Thank you, Jennifer!

Please pick up your copy of a "The Road to Joy", a Lent-to-Easter devotional book (you can find them in the Narthex, or the office hallway). These have been provided free to our congregation.

Today, March 9 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

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March 10 | RPC/PW Bible Study | 10:00 am

*Mary Ann Brown will lead our study – all women of the congregation are invited to attend!*

Our lovely floral arrangement is provided by the Seekers Sunday School Class.

### Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available March 23 & 30, April 6, 13, & 27.

*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.*

### Update: FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS: "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING / TC GOOD SAM

Total Collected from RPC: \$1,790.00.

Total donated from "The Legend of Tim Elko" book sales on March 2: \$500.00.

**Grand Total for TC Good Samaritan Center: \$2,290.00!**

### RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2025 Budget: \$3,517.13    Offering Received 3/2/25: \$6,335.00

Worship Attendance 3/2/25: 63

### MARCH MISSION FOCUS | Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Total Collected as of 3/2/25: \$175.00



### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

#### OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

- Focuses on the long-term recovery of disaster impacted communities.
- Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.
- Works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith-based responders.
- Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response – United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.

### PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Robert (Bob) McKee, Pam Hargett, Gene Mallett (friend of Ginger Britt), Jason Hobson, Vince Jordan, Caleb McAlister, John Parks, Barbara Kirby, Bob Craig, Joey LaBarreare, Sadie Stubbs, Allison Smith, Randle Beavers, Becky Montgomery, Tommy Benson, Rev. Bill Connolly and New Prospect Presbyterian Church, Kenny James, Barbara Waldon, Sherry Hill, Ginger Britt, Mickey Hill, Jerry Henson, Kaye Smith (Benton Elliott's mother), Paulette Campbell, Trent Rogan, Martha Reid, Teresa Rhea, Don Heavener, Leanna Davis, Max Evans, Larry Cooper, Anita Decker, Charles & Betty Holland, Jennifer Childs, Kathy Williams, David Adams, Bradford Hopper, John Walker (grandson of Cathy Dunaway), Helen Beavers, Eddie Drewery, Shirley Huddleston, Randle & Sue Huddleston, Talana Flake, Pembroke Bonham, William Bonham, Hank Nelson (infant), Carl Witt, David Morrow, Donna Daniel, Laura Hines, Robert Hughes, Hannah H. Jones, Deanna Hartman, Jane Tisdale, 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 JoAnn Ohler (Josh Smith's grandmother)

The family of Wilder Winston (Mary Buchanan's brother)

The family of Jimmy Wayne Berryman (Austin Hopper's grandfather)

### Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Carl Nance, III, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman

