

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

10:30 A.M.

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.
We invite you to observe quiet reflection when the prelude begins.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP | *Psalm 46: 1, 6, & 7*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

HYMNAL #155

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious Father, in this season of thanksgiving, remind us of the truth that every good and perfect gift comes from You. God, we admit that even in our moment of gratitude, we fall short. We feel thankful for the gifts without acknowledging the Giver.

We praise the beautiful creation around us without drawing close to the Creator.

We sing about our salvation without glorifying You - our Savior.

Forgive us. Remind us, oh God, that any good we experience is only a glimpse of Your character. That any blessing is only a foretaste of what You have in store for those who put their hope in You. And that even our lives- the very breath in our lungs- is only there because of Your deep love for us. God, reveal Yourself to us in every good gift, and give us eyes to see You in them. In Christ's holy Name we pray. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | ---*Romans 5: 1 -2*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 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 | *Jeremiah 23: 1-6 (OT p. 725)*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | *Luke 23: 33-43 (NT p. 89)*

THE MESSAGE | "The Man on the Middle Cross"

*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 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion | Book of Common Worship

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,
You have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

HYMNAL # 142

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.*

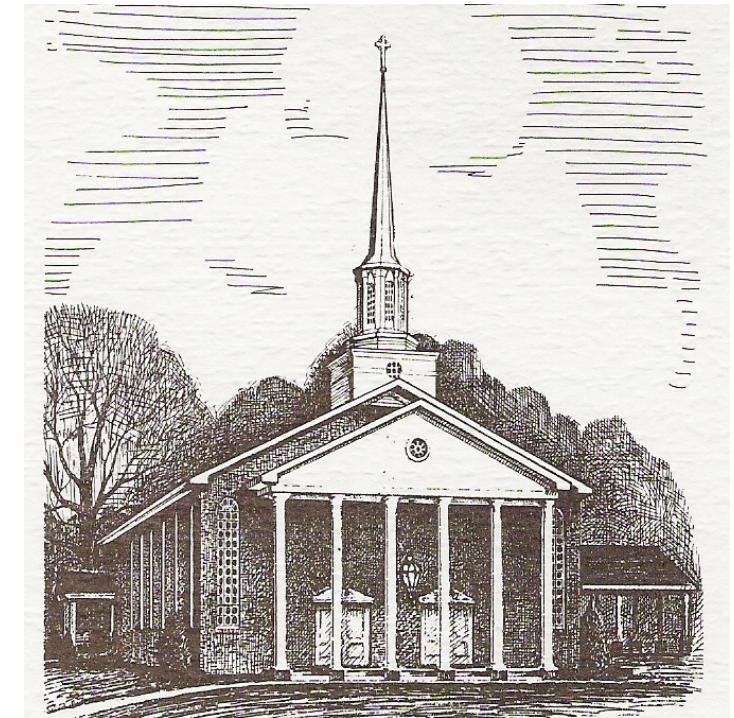
*We are Christ's people,
and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide.*

*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.

Church Membership at RPC

At Ripley Presbyterian Church, we joyfully welcome all who place their trust in God's grace through Jesus Christ and who desire to share in the fellowship and ministry of His church. Membership is open to all who profess faith, and no one shall be excluded for any reason other than a refusal to do so. The Gospel compels us to extend Christ's fellowship to all people; to withhold that welcome is to reject Christ himself and bring scandal to the Gospel. If you would like to explore church membership at RPC, Pastor Jody would be honored to walk with you in beginning that journey today.



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...

*The flowers today are given to the greater glory of God
& in honor of Shirley McClain & her years of faithful & excellent
service as the class treasurer by the Seekers Sunday School Class.*

Today, Nov. 23 | Children's Church & Young Disciples/TC Good Sam Offering

Today, Nov. 23 | COMMUNION

Communion Prep Team: Diane Bailey, Sue Ellen & Max Miller, Jo & Richard Todd, Terrye Grisham, & Melinda Marsalis.

Today, Nov. 23 | Chancel Choir (Lesson & Carols) practice | 4:00 pm

Today, Nov. 23 | RPC Handbell Choir practice | 5:00 pm

The RPC Office will be closed Nov. 26th & 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sunday, November 30th | A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship for the purpose stated below:

To elect elders for the Class of 2028

The Elder Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following slate of nominees:
Class of 2028: Benton Elliott & Dan Adams.

Attention: The Seekers Sunday School class will not meet November 30.

Blue Offering Envelopes will be ready for pickup in the narthex on Dec. 14th.
Everyone who has used them before has been taken care of; however, if you would like a box, please let Lynn Hill know as soon as possible. These are free to our congregation.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2025 Budget: \$3,517.13 Offering Received 11/16/25: \$3,628.00

Worship Attendance 11/16/25: 64



RPC NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS | Tippah County Good Samaritan Center

Total Collected as of 11/16/25: \$1,875.00

With the holiday season fast approaching, "Good Sam" needs our help now more than ever. They serve over 600 families and over 1,000 individuals per month.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available Nov. 30th & January 4, 11, 18 & 25.

To provide flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, contact Lynn Hill (lynn@xcavators-inc. or call/text 662-837-6678).

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. Contributions to the RPC/PW Flower Fund are greatly appreciated.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Jim Braddock, Hank Nelson, Eddie McCafferty, Ron Jackson, Stacy Gossett, Lana Smith, Jen Bollington, Tommy Benson, Sadie Downs, Lonnie Goolsby, Sandra Bolton, Marsha Lavender, Sherry Hill, Marilyn Harrell, Frank Shepherd, William Shields, Lacey Strunk, Barbara McElwain, Angie & Rickey Beavers, Grevil Flores, Rhonda Jackson, Liz Rutherford, Doug Norton, Rita & Carl Witt, Luke Hill, Randle Beavers, Lucy Watkins, Kristy Huddleston, Polly Calvary, Sophie Taylor, Danielle Smith, Bobby Childers, Vince Jordan, Wayne Stevenson, Jimmy Willingham, Pam Hargett, John Parks, Barbara Kirby, Bob Craig, Rev. Bill Connolly, Jerry Henson, Kaye Smith, Trent Rogan, Teresa Rhea, Don Heavener, John Walker, Helen Beavers, Pembroke Bonham, David Morrow, Freddy Daniel, Laura Hines, Hannah H. Jones, Deanna Hartman, Jackie Cooksey, 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 Mandy McElwain Strickland

The family of Grace McMillin

The family of Bobby Castle

Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Betty Holland, Carl Nance, III, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman

