

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 | *Romans 13: 12 & 14*

The night is far gone, the day is near.
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light...
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou-Long Expected Jesus"

HYMNAL #2

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of light, once again we approach the season of Advent unprepared.
We are not alert to your coming; we are too busy with preparations of our own design.
We are exhausted by trying to do everything ourselves, and cannot keep awake to watch
for you. Like your people of old, we do not call upon your name, except to blame you.
Yet, you are our maker, and we are all the work of your hand.
Forgive us and restore us.
Illumine our lives, that we may be witnesses to your faithfulness.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | ---*Hebrews 10: 22*
Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who has promised is faithful.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | *HOPE*
Shea, Reed, & Ryan Scott

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | *Matthew 24: 36-44 (NT p. 27)*

THE MESSAGE | "Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love"

*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 HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

HYMNAL # 9

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING THE PEACE AND BEARING CHRIST'S PEACE TO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE

**All Who Are Able Please Stand*

HYMNAL #579

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.

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

Shea Scott | Christian Ed./Young Disciples & Youth

RPC Wifi | "Guest" | guest1234

Ripley Presbyterian Church now has another option for Giving & Tithes.

Tithely Giving is an easy-to-use platform that will allow you to give online &/or on your phone. Simply scan the QR Code below, or download the Tithely app, or go to our website (ripleypresbyterianchurch.com) and click on Giving & Tithes.



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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302 West Cooper Street

www.ripleypresbyterianchurch.com

Please Note...

The flowers today are given to the greater glory of God by the Ripley Presbyterian Women.

Today, Nov. 30 | Chancel Choir (Lesson & Carols) practice | 4:00 pm

Today, Nov. 30 | RPC Handbell Choir practice | 5:00 pm

Today, Nov. 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.

Wed., Dec. 3 | "Deck the Halls" | 4 pm - 6 pm

Come help decorate the sanctuary!

2nd Sunday of Advent | Dec. 7 | "The Hanging of the Greens" Service

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 11/23/25: \$2,739.26

Worship Attendance 11/23/25: 87

Young Disciples Tippah County Good Samaritan Center Offering: \$620.00!

RPC NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS | Tippah County Good Samaritan Center

Total Collected as of 11/23/25: \$1,885.00

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 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

Kathy Norton, Jewel Byrd, Jim Braddock, Hank Nelson, Eddie McCafferty, Ron Jackson, Stacy Gossett, 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, 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

Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

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

