

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 | *James 5: 7*  
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.  
The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,  
being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMNAL #23

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:  
O promised Christ,  
We are a world without your peace.  
We are a sinful people, full of good intentions, but failing to carry them out.  
Please forgive our failures.  
Lord Christ, Word made flesh, we wait for your grace,  
that will bring us your pardon, and give us your peace.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus. Amen

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Your sins are pardoned.  
The penalty is paid.

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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | *JOY*  
Anna & Elizabeth Jordan

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SERMON TEXT | Matthew 11: 2-11 (*NT p. 11*)

THE MESSAGE | “The One to Come”

**\*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

HYMNAL #44

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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.*

**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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Please Note...

Today, Sunday Dec. 14 | Baptism of Mikayla Harris

Today, December 14 | “Lessons & Carols” | 4:00 pm  
*Chancel Choir will meet at 2:00 pm for practice; Handbell Choir will meet at 2:45pm.*

Today, December 14 | Blue Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup in the narthex.  
*Everyone who has used them before has been taken care of; however, if you would like a box, please let Lynn Hill know by January 1, 2026. These are free to our congregation.*

Monday, Dec. 15 |RPC Presbyterian Women Christmas Brunch | 11:00 am | Gregg Center  
*Bring your favorite brunch item and join us!*



**December 21 | The Christmas Joy Offering (PC/USA)**

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need, and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related school and colleges equipping communities of color.

**RPC Weekly Financial Update**

RPC Weekly 2025 Budget: \$3,517.13      Offering Received 12/7/25: \$4,165.00  
Worship Attendance 12/7/25: 78

**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.*



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

**Goal: \$500 | Total collected as of 12/7/25: \$200.00**

*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**

Tommy Benson, Ginger Gay Britt, Bobby Mays, Calvin Austin, Kathy Norton, Jewel Byrd, Jim Braddock, Hank Nelson, Eddie McCafferty, Ron Jackson, Stacy Gossett, 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, Randle Beavers, Lucy Watkins, Kristy Huddleston, Polly Calvary, Sophie Taylor, Danielle Smith, Bobby Childers, Vince Jordan, Wayne Steverson, 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 Jamie “Coach” Gray  
The family of Bill Jackson

**Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents**

Betty Holland, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman

# LESSONS & CAROLS

*Presented by  
Ripley Presbyterian Church &  
Friends*

DECEMBER 14TH  
4:00 PM  
RIPLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



DECEMBER 21ST

*Thank You*

Through the Christmas Joy Offering,  
we come together to support past,  
present and future leaders,  
embodying God's perfect gift to us,  
Jesus Christ.

**WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**



NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 21

DECEMBER 24TH | 5:00 PM

Please Join Us

CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT  
COMMUNION  
SERVICE

December 24  
5:00 pm

RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



