

JANUARY 4, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP
2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:30 A.M.

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP | *Jeremiah 31: 10-11*

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"As with Gladness, Men of Old"

HYMNAL #63

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 GLORIA PATRI

THE FIRST READING | Ephesians 1: 3-14 (NT p.192)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM |

THE SERMON TEXT | John 1: (1-9), 10-18 (NT p.91)

THE MESSAGE | "The Light of the World"

*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

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

HYMNAL #66

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

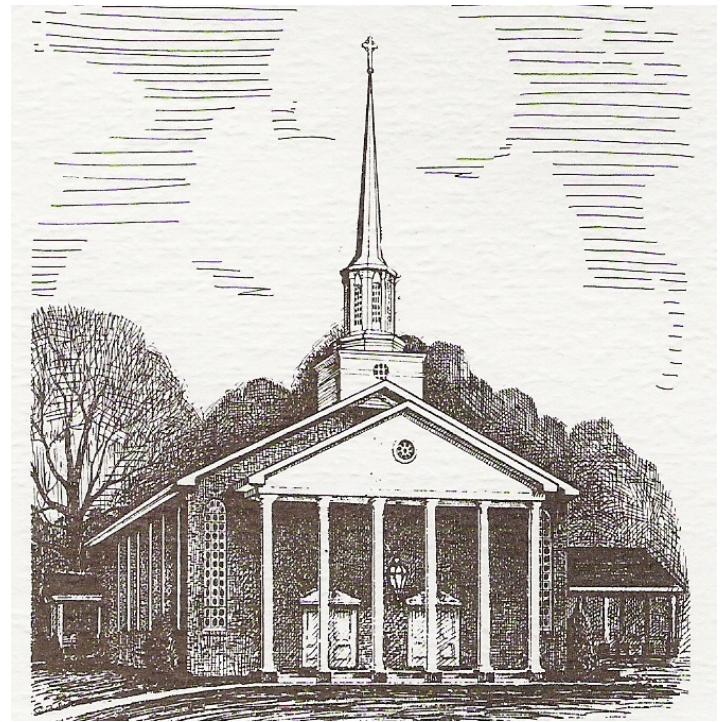
Blake McGaughy | Handbell Director

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...

The beautiful floral arrangement today is given to the glory of God and in memory of Jean Ketchum by her daughter, Betty Anderson.

Jan.11 | Elder Installation (at the end of worship).
Class of 2028: Dan Adams & Benton Elliott

Jan.11 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Jan. 12 | RPC/PW Bible Study | 10 am in the Gregg Center



JANUARY MISSION FOCUS | The South Tippah District Lunch Fund

Goal: \$500.00

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.

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

Goal: \$500 | Final Total Collected: \$825.00

The Christmas Joy Offering (PC/USA)

Total given: \$630.00. Thank you!

Young Disciples December Tippah County Good Samaritan Offering: \$158.00

Thank you!

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2025 Budget: \$3,517.13 Offering Received 12/28/25: \$9,005.00
Worship Attendance 12/28/25: 57



Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available January 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

Jan Roberson, Savannah Orman, Ann Jumper Miller, Freddy Daniel, Tommy Benson, 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 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, 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 Lori Chapman	The family of Susan Johnson Baird
The family of Martha Carolyn Sappington	The family of Durrell Calvary
The family of Debra Hill	The family of Nathan Shane Brooks

Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Betty Holland, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman

