

MARCH 15, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

4TH 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.*
We invite you to observe quiet reflection when the prelude begins.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP | *Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Be Thou My Vision"

HYMNAL #339

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him,
now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;
forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;
through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

The Book of Common Worship, 1946

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling,
to make you stand without blemish in the presence of glory with rejoicing,
to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever.
Amen. ---*Jude 24-25*

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

THE FIRST READING | 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 (*OT p. 259*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | John 9: 1-41 (*NT p. 102*)

THE MESSAGE | "I Was Blind, But..."

*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

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

HYMNAL #398

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 | Chancel Choir Director

Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist

Sue Ellen Miller | Organist

Blake McGaughy | Handbell Choir 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

Phone: 662-837-3765 (Office)

Mail: P.O. Box 556 Ripley, MS 38663
302 West Cooper Street

www.ripleypresbyterianchurch.com

Please Note...

The beautiful floral arrangement today is given to the glory of God and in memory of the Dr. Charles E. Holland LTC USA (Ret.) by the Holland family.

Today, March 15 | Choir Practice | 4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 22 | RPC Easter Egg Hunt (see insert for details!)

We still have a few bags of eggs that need stuffing – please help if you can!

Reminder: If you would like to purchase an Easter lily, please fill out the insert and turn into the office by March 22nd.

RPC Office will be closed March 18th & 19th. (The administrator will be grandbaby-sitting!)

MARCH MISSION FOCUS | Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Goal: \$500.00. Total Collected as of 3/8/26: \$400.00.



**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, World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA, and others.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2026 Budget: \$3,933.58 Offering Received 3/8/26: \$2,095.00

Worship Attendance 3/8/26: 50



Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available April 12th & 19th.

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

Martha Reid, Vince Jordan, Merle Norton, Sandy Muse, Judy Austin, Faye Lusk (Leigh-Ann Hill's grandmother) Sherry Farrell, Beth Shephard Hunt, David Holten, Gary King, Jan Roberson, Ann Jumper Miller, Freddy Daniel, Calvin Austin, Jewel Byrd, 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, Polly Calvary, Sophie Taylor, Danielle Smith, Bobby Childers, Jimmy Willingham, John Parks, Barbara Kirby, 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 Lucy Watkins (Shirley McClain's sister)

The family of Tommy Benson

The family of Mack McElwain

Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Bob Craig, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman

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Yes, we changed the date in order to keep Mar. 29th as a “back-up” in case of rainy weather.

Please RSVP to Shea Scott, Sue Ellen Miller, or Kate Adams if you & your children, grandchildren, etc., plan to attend. Last day to RSVP is MARCH 15TH. We need a head count for children & adults!

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