

JUNE 16, 2024

## MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---*Mark 4: 30b - 32*

“With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?  
It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds  
on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs,  
and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

HYMNAL #288

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Book of Common Worship, 1946*  
**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 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.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

THE FIRST READING | 1 Samuel 15: 34-16:3, 6-7, 10-13 (*OT p. 258*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Ezekiel 17: 22-24 (*OT p. 784*)

THE MESSAGE | “A Tender Sprig in the Hand of the Lord”

\*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 DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD’S PRAYER

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Great Thou Art”

HYMNAL #467

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.*

### Profession of Faith with the Pastor

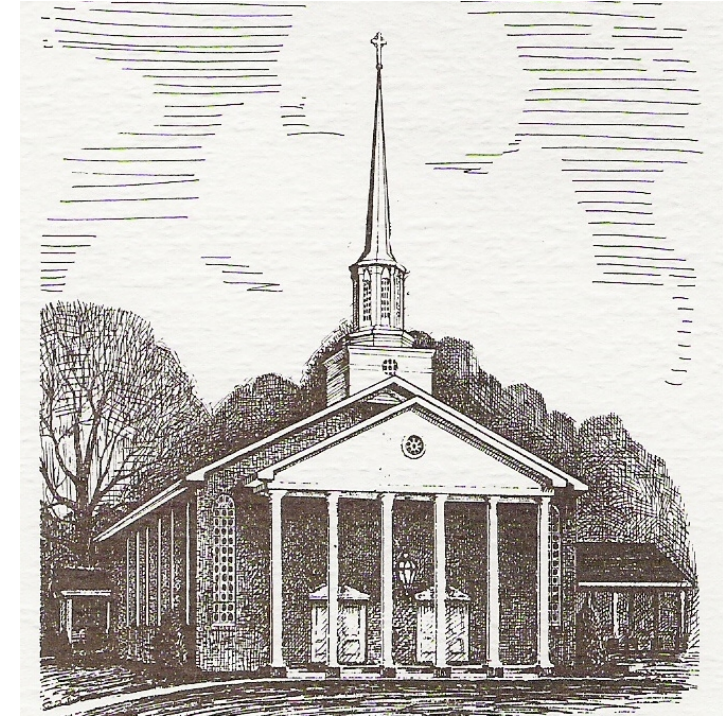
*If you have never made a profession of faith and asked Christ  
to be the Lord of your life, Pastor Jody will be happy to help you begin that journey today.  
He is available to meet in the Pastor's Study each Sunday immediately following  
worship to discuss the gift of salvation God has prepared for us all.  
Just ask him during greeting time after worship if he has a few minutes to talk.*

**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

RPC 2024 Session Members  
Moderator Rev. Dr. Jody Hill  
Class of 2026 | Price Elliott, Vince Jordan, & Ann Wigington  
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill  
Class of 2024 | Bobby Elliott & Shea Scott  
Clerk of Session | Lynn Hill

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## 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...**

*Our lovely flower arrangement is provided in memory of our fathers, by Jo & Richard Todd.*

**Today, June 16 | Father's Day**

**June 23 | RPC Session Meeting | 11:30 am**

**June 23 | RPC Handbell Choir Practice | 5:00 pm**



**Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates are available August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

*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.*

**The RPC Organ Maintenance & Upgrade Fund**

This special fund is designated toward the maintenance and much-needed upgrades for our pipe organ – one of the very few still in use in the state of Mississippi.

In the following weeks, we will provide the history of our organ & an overview of the upgrades needed. If you would like to contribute toward this fund in honor or memory of an individual, or simply offer a donation, please make out your check to “Ripley Presbyterian Church” and write “RPC Organ Fund” in the memo line.

**RPC Weekly Financial Update**

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67    Offering Received 6/9/24: \$2,344.00

Worship Attendance 6/9/24: 83



**RPC JUNE MISSION FOCUS | Mission Haven**

Goal: \$500. Total Collected as of 6/9/24: \$973.00

- Mission Haven provides affordable short-term housing and friendly hospitality to mission co-workers of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- Mission Haven furnishes a Clothes Closet of donated clothing for the missionary families as well as for students at local seminaries.
- Mission Haven offers prayers and spiritual support and is located adjacent to Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.
- Mission Haven is supported and operated by Presbyterian Women in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee and is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Talana Flake, Luke Hill, Cathy Dunaway & her grandson Johnny Walker, Pembroke Bonham, William Bonham, Kathleen Williams, Starke Farrell, Kenneth Hill, Rev. Dr. Jody Hill, Hank Nelson (infant), John Wall, Jamie Wall, Carl Witt, Shirley Huddleston, David Morrow, Donna Daniel, Laura Hines, Dr. Sharon Enzor, Robert Hughes, Melrose Roberson, Tracey Stewart, Mickey Hill, Kay Clark, Sherry Hill, Hannah H. Jones, Baby Parker, Yadira Romo, Darlene Thompson, Emily Newton, Jason Hall, Donnie Cousar, Gunner Duncan, Deanna Hartman, Jane Tisdale, Freddy Daniel, Sam Buchanan, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, Carolyn Dickerson Burge, Brad Sullivan, Wayne Steverson, Anne Elliott, 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 Scott Dunnam

The family of Diane Hendricks

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

Lorenzo Medford, Laron Shannon, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman