

AUGUST 25, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---*Psalm 84: 1-4*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"The Church's One Foundation"

HYMNAL #442

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.
-- The Book of Common Worship, 1993

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sin, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
--Psalm 103: 8, 10-12

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 | Ephesians 6: 10-20 (*NT p. 195*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | John 6: 56-69 (*NT p. 98*)

THE MESSAGE | "The Words of Eternal Life"

*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

"Abid With Me"

HYMNAL #543

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

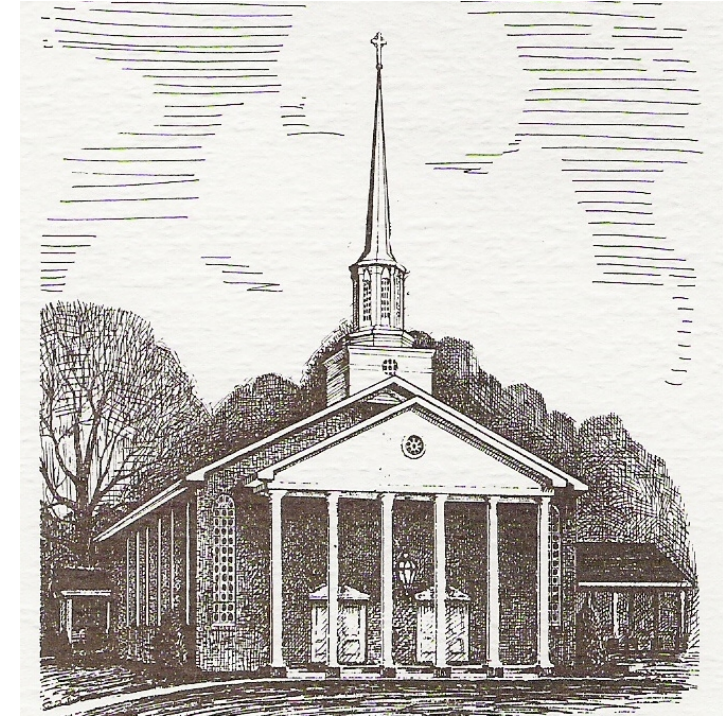
*If you have never made a profession of faith and asked Christ
to be the Lord of your life, Pastor Jody will be happy to help you begin that journey today.
He is available to meet in the Pastor's Study each Sunday immediately following
worship to discuss the gift of salvation God has prepared for us 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

Phone: 662-837-3765 (Office)
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Please Note...

Our lovely floral arrangement is provided by the Seekers Sunday School Class.

Today, August 25 | RPC Handbell Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

August 30 | RPC Missions Outreach Team will be providing the pre-game meal for the RHS Football Team prior to their first game of the season! If you'd like to help out with the prep/cooking, please contact team leader Jenna Hopper – they will meet at 12 noon at the Gregg Center to start cooking. The food will be delivered to the RHS fieldhouse by 3:00 pm.



Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates are available September 22nd, & October 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th.

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.

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 & Diversicare | An Opportunity to Serve!

RPC has an opportunity to serve the residents of Diversicare in a really fun way!

The staff hosts Bingo games for the residents, and we can help provide prizes.

If you would like to help, just drop off your purchases at the RPC Office with Lynn, or the Kudzu/Shark radio station with Melinda Marsalis.

Here's the list they provided us:

- Capri Suns or mini can soft drinks
- Snack cakes (individually wrapped)
- Mini candy bars
- Nabs (peanut-butter)
- Chips (small bags, variety packs)
- Cookies (individual packs)
- Lollipops

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67 Offering Received 8/18/24: \$3,045.00

Worship Attendance 8/18/24: 60



**RPC AUGUST MISSION FOCUS | Beds For Kids | Goal: \$750
Total Collected as of 8/18/24: \$1,550.00**

“The Beds for Kids ministry needs your help building bed frames.

They only have 2 beds built as of now to go out to kids in need.

They like to have about 100 beds built and ready to go out at all times.

The last few weeks they have been delivering 20 to 40 per week.

If you are at least 16 years old or older, please reach out to Daniel Alsup @ 662-587-4920 or Billy Roberts @ 662-790-4399. They work on Monday morning from 8am to 11am. Also if you have a group that wants to help out, they will be glad to work on a time and date to accommodate your group.”

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Laron Shannon, Tommy Covington, Jennifer Childs, Theresa Carter, Kenneth Hill, John Reid, Joey Mauney, Joyce Barnett, Greg Harrell, Kathy Williams, Jean Butler, David Adams, Richard Todd, Bradford Hopper, John Walker (Cathy Dunaway's grandson), Mickey Hill, Merle Norton, Jan Robertson, Jake Butler, Margie Sharp, Eddie Drewery, Ruby Bridges, Tina Bonds, Rita Witt, Mary Lesterston, Donald Stubenrauch, (relatives of Randle Beavers), Shirley Huddleston, Randle & Sue Huddleston, Talana Flake, Pembroke Bonham, William Bonham, Kathleen Williams, Hank Nelson (infant), Jamie Wall, Carl Witt, David Morrow, Donna Daniel, Laura Hines, Dr. Sharon Enzor, Robert Hughes, Melrose Roberson, Tracey Stewart, Hannah H. Jones, Gunner Duncan, Deanna Hartman, Jane Tisdale, Freddy Daniel, Jackie Cooksey, Helen Parks, Brad Sullivan, Wayne Steverson, 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 Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman



Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer

Ripley Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 556
Ripley, MS 38663

August 15, 2024

Dear Congregation,

On behalf of the Mission Haven board, volunteers, and our missionaries-in-residence, we thank you for your **gift of \$ 1,330.00** on 7/10/2024. You are generous and faithful believers. This represents your first donation to our ministry – welcome to the Mission Haven family!

Your gift enables us to maintain Mission Haven as a lovely and caring community for our mission co-workers. We are currently hosting guests who have served in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Niger, South Africa, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

We expanded our picnic area, thanks to the generosity of Presbyterian Women in Savannah Presbytery. Next time you are in town, please visit us and see this enhanced space. In early April, we said farewell to long-time resident manager, Glenice Johnson. We spent several months preparing 2C, her apartment of nearly 20 years, for the next occupants. They moved in recently and are thrilled with the results. Meanwhile, we continue to tackle planned – and unplanned – maintenance at each residence, and your contributions help us meet those demands. Thank you!

Please continue to pray for Mission Haven and the mission co-workers who stay with us.

Blessings & Peace,

Kelly Weirich, for Mission Haven

P.S. If you would like to receive our periodic newsletters, please send an email to:
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Mission Haven Update – July/August 2024

PICNIC AREA: Expansion

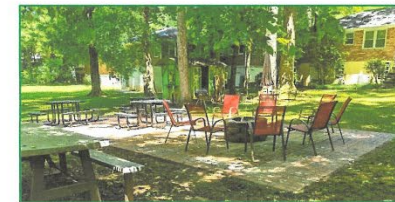
About 17 years ago, John Washburn (whose father, William, was a volunteer missionary teacher in the Congo) completed a Boy Scout Eagle Equivalent project by building a wooden picnic table and a brick patio behind our house at 211 Inman Drive. The finished patio was roughly 12' x 15' with a border and included stepping stones to the driveway. Note that his father, William, was the son and grandson of Presbyterian missionaries! Read more about his family [here](#).



Several years later, Presbyterian Women at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta added a firepit to the area and purchased red lawn chairs to create a space for fellowship. Over time, a grill, a smoker, and an additional picnic table were added to create a comfortable space.

The patio area became a gathering place for the mission co-workers and their families where they exchanged stories of their experiences, shared meals, and nurtured relationships.

Thankfully, most of the original patio has withstood rains, storms, and regular usage. A few bricks were uplifted by the forces of nature, and the wooden table has, understandably, seen better days.



In 2022, the Presbyterian Women in Savannah Presbytery collected two sizable memorial gifts to commemorate the faithful service of Faye Wray and Sharon Smith who were very active in Presbyterian Women.

With this generous seed money, we were able to expand the patio footprint to 15' x 35' and purchase three new weather-proof picnic tables.

We are excited about the new, improved space which will accommodate our community and foster new relationships in the years to come. Our gratitude to the women of Savannah Presbytery AND to Presbyterian Women in all seven southeastern states who bless us with bountiful donations that support our mission co-workers here in Decatur.

For more photos of the patio project, click [here](#).



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