

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

18TH 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 ---*Proverbs 31: 10, 20, 26*

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels..

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMNAL #464

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 | James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8 (*NT p. 230*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Mark 9: 30-37 (*NT p. 45*)

THE MESSAGE | "Servant of All"

*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

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

HYMNAL #417

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

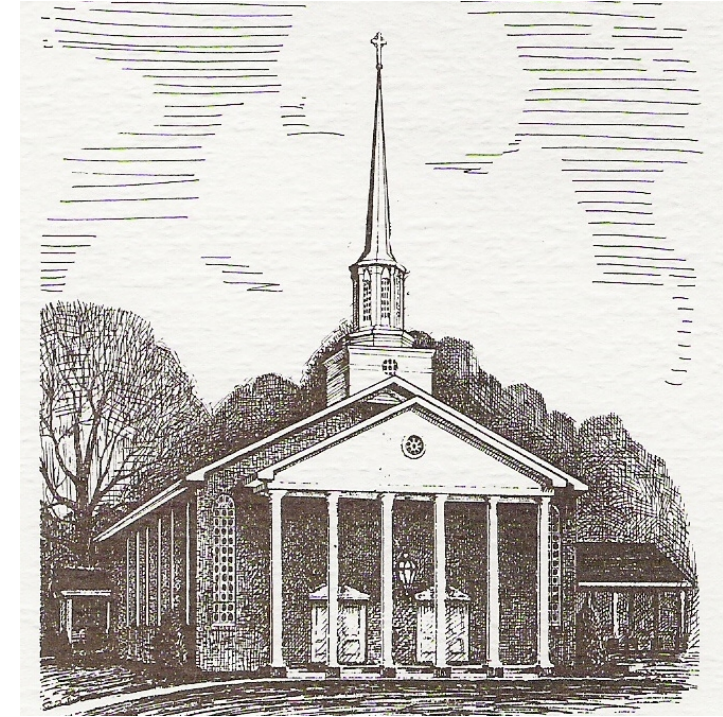
RPC Staff

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 floral arrangement is provided by the Seekers Sunday School Class.

Today, September 22 | Christian Ed. Mission Team Meeting | 4:00 pm

Today, September 22 | RPC Handbell Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

October 6 | World Communion Sunday

Our annual “Trunk & Treat” event in October is approaching quickly!

A planning meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 29 at 4 pm** at the Gregg Center.

If you would like to volunteer, please be at this meeting! We need your help!



Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates are available October 6th, 13th, & 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
- Chips (small bags, variety packs)
- Cookies (individual packs)
- Nabs (peanut-butter)

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67 Offering Received 9/15/24: \$4,852.00

Worship Attendance 9/15/24: 63



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Presbyterian Mission

RPC SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS | The Presbyterian Hunger Grant | Goal: \$500

Total Collected as of 9/15/24: \$755.00

“Enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation.” -Book of Confessions, 9/46

Fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. We can make an impact on local hunger by contributing toward this mission to fund the Presbytery of St. Andrew Hunger Grant.

These grant funds are vital toward applicants in our presbytery – our own Tippah County Good Samaritan Center has been a recipient several times over the past few years.

Please join us in the fight against hunger in our community & our presbytery.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

James Arnold Horton, David Quinn, Phillip Verdung, Carl Nance III, Tommy Covington, Jennifer Childs, Theresa Carter, Kenneth Hill, Joey Mauney, Joyce Barnett, Greg Harrell, Kathy Williams, Jean Butler, David Adams, Bradford Hopper, John Walker (Cathy Dunaway’s grandson), Mickey Hill, Merle Norton, Jan Robertson, Helen Beavers, 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 Deepest Sympathies to...

The family of Andrew Rolison

The family of Melrose Roberson

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman