

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

**MORNING WORSHIP**

10:30 A.M.

19TH 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 ---*Psalm 19: 7-14*

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

**HYMNAL #469**

**"Morning Has Broken"**

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others.**

**We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused that makes it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
-*Isaiah 43: 18-19*

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

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

**HYMNAL #579**

THE FIRST READING | James 5: 13-20 (*NT p. 231*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Mark 9: 38-50 (*NT p. 45*)

THE MESSAGE | "Whoever is Not Against Us is For Us"

**\*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**

**HYMNAL #438**

**"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"**

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

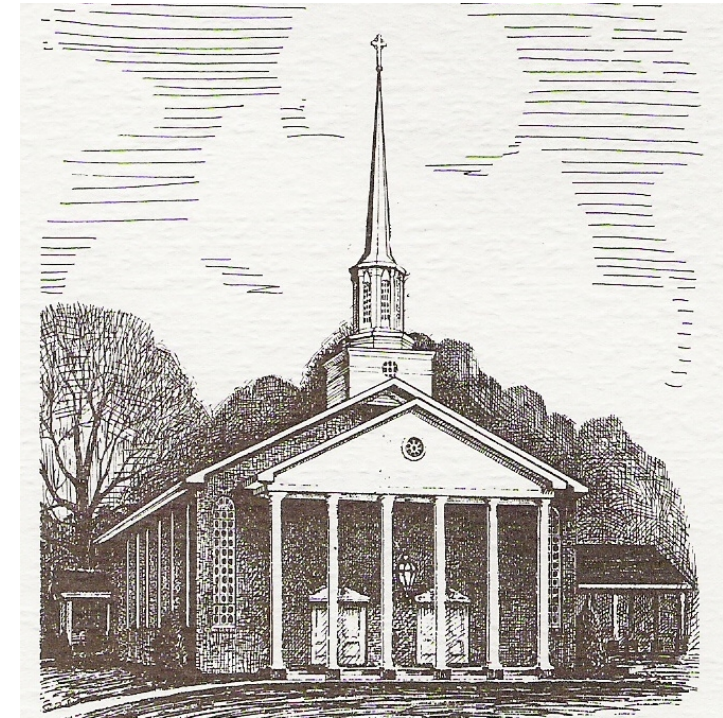
#### RPC Staff

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

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## Please Note...

*Our lovely floral arrangement is provided in honor of Sherry Hill on the occasion of her birthday, by her loving husband, Gerald Hill.*

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

**Today, September 29 | RPC Handbell Choir Practice | 5:00 pm**

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

A planning meeting is scheduled for this afternoon, **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm** in the Gregg Center.

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

**October 6 | World Communion Sunday**

*Communion Prep Team: Diane Bailey, Shirley McClain, Max & Sue Ellen Miller, & Melinda Marsalis.*

**Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates are available October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 27<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.

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                      Chips (small bags, variety packs)
- Snack cakes (individually wrapped)                      Cookies (individual packs)
- Mini candy bars                      Lollipops                      Nabs (peanut-butter)

## RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67    Offering Received 9/22/24: \$2,439.00

Worship Attendance 9/22/24: 65



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Presbyterian Mission**

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

**Total Collected as of 9/22/24: \$1,105.00**

*“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

DeeDee Smith, Chris Bradford (husband of Jennifer Cadle Bradford), Lamon McClain, Anita Decker, Ray Henderson, Charles & Betty Holland, 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, Hank Nelson (infant), Jamie Wall, Carl Witt, David Morrow, Donna Daniel, Laura Hines, Dr. Sharon Enzor, Robert Hughes, 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