

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

16TH 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 125: 1-2*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

HYMNAL #487

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.
This proves God's love for us: while we were sinners Christ died for us.
Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. -- Romans 5: 6, 8, 9

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 | Isaiah 35: 4-7a (*OT p. 663*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Mark 7: 24-37 (*NT p. 42*)

THE MESSAGE | "He Touched Me"

*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

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

HYMNAL #359

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

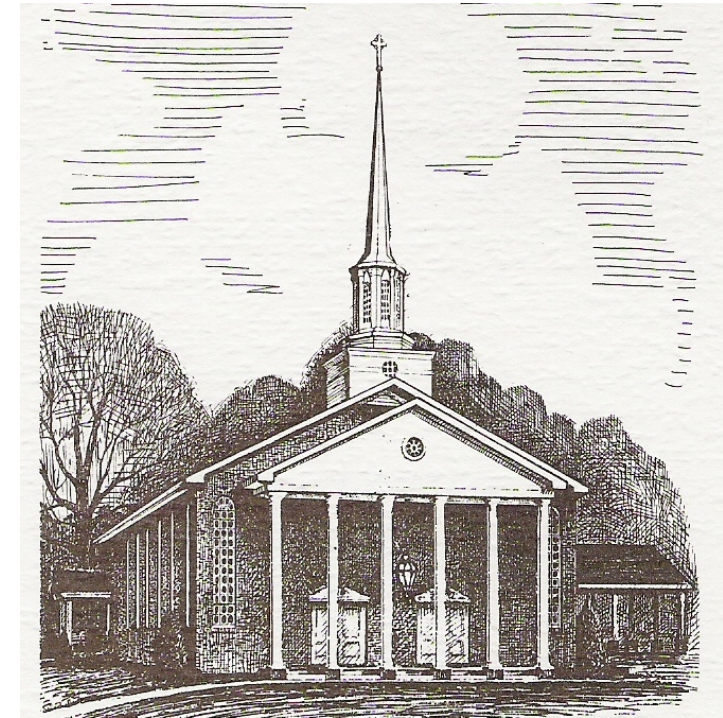
RPC Staff

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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302 West Cooper Street

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Please Note...

Our lovely floral arrangement is provided by Sue Gossett in memory of her sister, Lola Enis.

Today, September 8 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Today, September 8 | RPC Handbell Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

Today, September 8 | Choir Practice | 6:00 pm

Monday, Sept. 9 | RPC Presbyterian Women Meeting | 10 AM | Gregg Center

All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend!

We will be distributing the books for our yearly Bible study & planning our year!



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
- 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 9/1/24: \$5,825.00

Worship Attendance 9/1/24: 60



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Presbyterian Mission

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

Total Collected as of 9/1/24: \$325.00

“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

David Quinn, Phillip Verdung, Carl Nance, Jr., Tommy Covington, Jennifer Childs, Theresa Carter, Kenneth Hill, 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, 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 Laron Shannon

The family of James Allen Gibson

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman