

DECEMBER 1, 2024

## MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMNAL #579

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GREETING THE GATHERED: The Love of Jesus Christ be with you!  
**ALL: And also with you!**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE | *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* | RPC Handbell Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---*Psalm 25: 4-5*

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

HYMNAL #2

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of light, once again we approach the season of Advent unprepared.

We are not alert to your coming; we are too busy with preparations of our own design.

We are exhausted by trying to do everything ourselves, and cannot keep awake to watch for you.

Like your people of old, we do not call upon your name, except to blame you.

Yet, you are our maker, and we are all the work of your hand.

Forgive us and restore us.

Illumine our lives, that we may be witnesses to your faithfulness.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | ---*Hebrews 10: 22*

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,

for he who has promised is faithful.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | *HOPE*

Dan & Kate Adams

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (*OT p. 738*)

THE MESSAGE | *"A Righteous Branch of David"*

\*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

*"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

HYMNAL #8

THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*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  
Blake McGaughy | Handbell Director

#### 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 memory of Paul Gillmore by Ann Gillmore.*

**Blue Offering Envelopes will be ready for pickup in the narthex on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

*Everyone who has used them before has been taken care of; however, if you would like a box, please let Lynn Hill know as soon as possible. These are free to our congregation.*

**Today, December 1 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am**

*Please note time changes for this afternoon's practices....*

**Today, December 1 | "Lessons & Carols" choir practice | 4:00 pm**

**Today, December 1 | RPC Bell Choir practice | 5:00 pm**

**Wed., Dec. 4 | "Deck the Halls" | 5:30 pm**

**Come help decorate the sanctuary!**

**December 8 | "Lessons & Carols" | 4:00 pm**

**December 15 | "Soup & Santa" Fellowship Meal**

**We are preparing for our final fellowship event of 2024 & we need volunteers!**

**Please fill out the insert if you would like to help out, and place in the offertory plate at the end of service.**

**Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<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 NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS | Tippah County Good Samaritan Center**

**Goal: \$750.00**

**Final Total collected: \$1,615.00. Thank you, RPC!**

**RPC Weekly Financial Update**

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67    Offering Received 11/24/24: \$1,427.00

Worship Attendance 11/24/24: 68



**RPC DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS | Living Waters for the World (PC/USA Mission)**

**Goal: \$500**

*Living Waters for the World (LWW) is a ministry of the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Believing God intends for all people to have clean water, Living Waters for the World, via enduring relationships, empowers its partners to provide long-lasting clean sustainable water for their communities.*

*LWW water treatment systems and related educational programs address a critical niche of the world water crisis—communities with available but contaminated water. Long-term access to clean water is achieved by empowering mission teams to form partnerships with institutions, provide water treatment systems and related health education materials to their partners, train their partners to implement, operate and maintain their water systems, and lead ongoing support of its water system partners via a series of regional networks. Living Waters for the World clean water systems have now been installed at more than 750 sites in 25 nations.*

**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

Bro. Ronnie Barefield, Richard Todd, Kaye Smith (Benton Elliot's mother), Ellie Mauney, Caleb McAlister, Paulette Campbell, Trent Rogan, Spencer Anderson (4 yr old grandson of Tommy & Nell Hill), Martha Reid, Kevin Orman, Teresa Rhea, Don Heavener, Gary Rabe, Leanna Davis (Mike Parker's daughter), Max Evans, John Parks, Larry Cooper, Randle Beavers, Chris Bradford, Anita Decker, Charles & Betty Holland, Phillip Verdung, Carl Nance III, Jennifer Childs, Joey Mauney, Greg Harrell, Kathy Williams, Jean Butler, David Adams, Bradford Hopper, John Walker (Cathy Dunaway's grandson), Mickey Hill, Jan Robertson, Helen Beavers, Margie Sharp, Eddie Drewery, 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, 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 Jean Butler

The family of Ray Henderson

The family of David Quinn

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

Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman



THE HANGING  
OF THE GREENS

Worship Service  
at Ripley Presbyterian  
Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
10:30 AM



RPC FELLOWSHIP MEAL

SOUP &  
SANTA

DECEMBER 15 AFTER WORSHIP

THE GREGG CENTER

LESSONS  
& CAROLS

*Presented by  
Ripley Presbyterian Church &  
Friends*

DECEMBER 8TH  
4:00 PM  
RIPLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



*Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Communion  
Service*

24TH of DECEMBER  
5:00 PM  
RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HOPE · PEACE · JOY · LOVE

