

DECEMBER 15, 2024

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10:30 A.M.

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

**HYMNAL #579**

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 ---*Isaiah 12: 2-3*

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**HYMNAL #31**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**O promised Christ,  
We are a world without your peace.  
We are a sinful people, full of good intentions, but failing to carry them out.  
Please forgive our failures.  
Lord Christ, Word made flesh, we wait for your grace,  
that will bring us your pardon, and give us your peace.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus. Amen**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Your sins are pardoned.  
The penalty is paid.

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 | *JOY*  
Kyle & Susan Smith

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | *Philippians 4: 4-7 (NT p. 198)*

THE MESSAGE | “Let Your Gentleness Be Known to 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**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**HYMNAL #23**

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  
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



## 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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302 West Cooper Street

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## Please Note...

### Today, December 15 | “Lessons & Carols” | 4:00 pm

We will offer the opportunity to contribute to The Tippah County Good Samaritan Center in the RPC Narthex before and after the program.

*(Choir & Handbell Choir will meet at 2:00 pm for practice)*

### Today, December 15 | Blue Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup in the narthex.

*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.*

### December 22 | Christmas Joy Offering

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need, and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related school and colleges equipping communities of color.

### 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 Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67    Offering Received 12/8/24: \$1,882.00

Worship Attendance 12/8/24: 48



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

**Goal: \$500 | Total Collected as of 12/8/24: \$525.00**

*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

Verna McCabe (Donna McGaughy's mother), Evair Clark (6 month old daughter of Jodie & Winter Clark), Judy Austin, Bro. Ronnie Barefield, Kaye Smith (Benton Elliott's mother), Caleb McAlister, Paulette Campbell, Trent Rogan, Spencer Anderson (4 yr old grandson of Tommy & Nell Hill), Martha Reid, Teresa Rhea, Don Heavener, Leanna Davis, Max Evans, John Parks, Larry Cooper, Anita Decker, Charles & Betty Holland, Phillip Verdung, Carl Nance III, Jennifer Childs, Greg Harrell, Kathy Williams, David Adams, Bradford Hopper, John Walker, 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 Bobby Guyton Horton

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

Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman



In Honor of Our Parents  
By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott

In Honor of Our Grandparents  
By Benton & Elizabeth Elliott

In Honor of Leah & Miles Harrell  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of John Harrell  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of our Grandparents  
By Elizabeth & Benton Elliott

In Memory of Leon Bailey, Jr.  
By Diane Bailey

In Honor of Bailey & Sam Steverson  
By Diane Bailey

In Memory of Helen & Pete Elliott  
By Diane Bailey



In Honor of Helen Parks,  
Elizabeth Jordan, & Hayes & Ella Stubbs  
By Linda & Mark Stubbs

In Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Walter Smith  
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Benton Elliott  
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Honor of the Elliott Children  
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Honor of the Elliott Grandchildren &  
Great-Grandchild  
By Anne & Bobby Elliott

In Memory of Buddy Grisham  
By Terrye Grisham

In Honor of Anne & Bobby Elliott, Grace-  
Anne & Austin Brown, Charles & Tori  
Elliott, & Shirley Lockhart  
By Price & Reeca Elliott

In Memory of Tommy Lockhart &  
Our Grandparents  
By Price & Reeca Elliott



In Honor of The Seekers  
Sunday School Class Teachers  
By Pat Ledbetter

In Honor of the RPC/PW Circle  
Bible Study Teachers  
By Pat Ledbetter

In Honor of Kyle & Susan Smith  
By Becky Smith

In Honor of Sue Ellen & Max Miller  
By Becky Smith

In Honor of Jude Marshall Hill  
By Kenny & Lynn Hill

In Memory of Tommy Covington  
By Kenny & Lynn Hill

In Memory of Dr. Norris Howell  
By Kenny & Lynn Hill

In Memory of Dan, Bea & Joe Wiggs  
By Beth & Bill Kuykendall & Family



In Honor of Cayson Cox  
By Bill & Beth Kuykendall & Family

In Memory of Angela Gillmore  
By Ann Reynolds Gillmore

In Memory of Nan & Dan Reynolds  
By Ann Reynolds Gillmore

In Memory of Ray Gaillard  
By Shirley McClain

In Honor of Jennifer Huddleston  
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Lynn Hill  
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Sue Ellen Miller  
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Blake McGaughy  
By Monya & Jody Hill

In Honor of Rob & Dot Williams, and  
George & Sally Permenter  
By Sally & Fred Permenter



In Memory of Julia & Benton Elliott  
By Betty & Gary King

In Memory of Catherine & Boyce King  
By Betty & Gary King

In Honor of Haley, Gary, Caroline & Laynie  
Banks Johnson  
By Carol & Don Heavener

In Memory of Josh Heavener  
By Carol & Don Heavener

In Honor of The Warhurst Family  
By Kate & Dan Adams

In Honor of Adam & Lydia Murchison  
By Kate & Dan Adams

In Honor of the RPC Presbyterian Women  
By Illene & Mike Carter

In Memory of Tommy Covington  
By Illene & Mike Carter



In Memory of Our Parents &  
Grandparents  
By Jason & Shea Scott

In Honor of Jane Cousar & Linda Shannon  
By Jason & Shea Scott

In Honor of My Children, Grandchildren, &  
Great Grandchildren  
By Jane Cousar

In Honor of Becky Witt Smith  
By Rich Cousar & Jane Cousar

In Memory of Strawberry & "Mimi"  
Stanford  
By Rich Cousar & Jane Cousar

In Honor of Jane Cousar  
By Rich Cousar

In Memory of Don Cousar, Betty Morris  
Benedict, Leslie Wolford, Keith Alan Richey  
By Rich Cousar



In Memory of Jean Ketchum  
By Betty & Fred Anderson, Jimmy &  
Courtney Anderson, Sara, Blair & Margaret  
Tynes

In Honor of Beth Kuykendall  
By Betty & Fred Anderson

**LESSONS  
& CAROLS**

*Presented by  
Ripley Presbyterian Church &  
Friends*

DECEMBER 15TH  
4:00 PM  
RIPLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Thank You*

Through the Christmas Joy Offering,  
we come together to support past,  
present and future leaders,  
embodying God's perfect gift to us,  
Jesus Christ.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
LEADERSHIP, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE  
DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 22

**December 22 | Christmas Joy Offering**

*Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Communion  
Service*

24TH of DECEMBER  
5:00 PM  
RIPLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HOPE · PEACE · JOY · LOVE

**December 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Communion Service | 5:00 pm**  
*Communion Prep Team: Diane Bailey, Shirley  
McClain, Sue Ellen & Max Miller,  
& Melinda Marsalis*

