

DECEMBER 29, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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 ---1 Samuel 2: 18 & 26

Samule was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD
and with the people.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

HYMNAL #38

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in the darkness.
We confess we have not welcomed Your light, or trusted Your good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to Your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so we may receive the fullness of Your grace,
and live in the truth of Jesus Christ the Lord.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
God, who did not withhold the Beloved Son, but gave him up for all of us.
Will God not also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect?
It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. -- Romans 8: 31-34

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

THE FIRST READING | Micah 5: 2-5 (*OT p. 865*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Luke 2: 41-52 (*NT p. 59*)

THE MESSAGE | “Divine and Human Favor ”

***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**

“The First Nowell”

HYMNAL #56

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.*

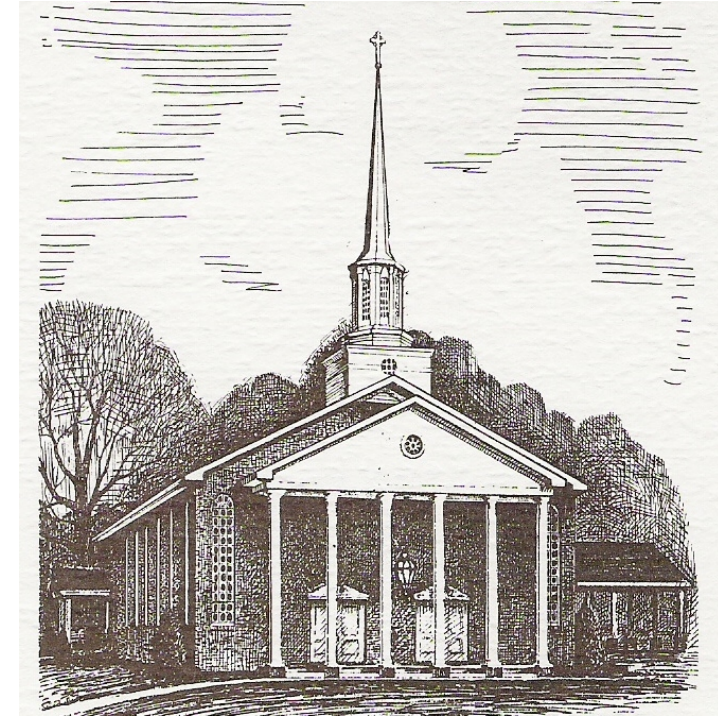
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The RPC Office is open Monday through Wednesday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, & Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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

Phone: 662-837-3765 (Office)
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302 West Cooper Street

www.ripleypresbyterianchurch.com

Please Note...

The RPC Office will be closed Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st, 2025.

Jan. 5 | Elder Installation & Ordination Service (at the end of worship).
Dan Adams, Robert Goolsby, Jennifer Huddleston

Jan. 5 | Session Meeting | 11:30 am

Jan. 15 | RPC/PW Bible Study | 10 am in the Gregg Center
Bible Study Leader: Deborah Steverson

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available January 12th, 19th, & 26th.

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

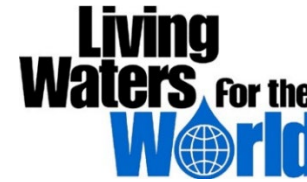
“Ripley Presbyterian Church” and write “RPC Organ Fund” in the memo line.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2024 Budget: \$3,148.67 Offering Received 12/22/24: \$5,843.00

Worship Attendance 12/22/24: 82

Total Collected for the Christmas Joy Offering: \$100.00



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

Goal: \$500 | Total Collected as of 12/22/24: \$1,395.00

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

Sharon Goolsby, Jerry Hanson, Verna McCabe (Donna McGaughy's mother), 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 Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman

