

JANUARY 26, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY

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 FIRST READING | 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a (NT p. 174)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRELUDE | *The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.*

THE ANTHEM

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---*Nehemiah 8: 9 & 10*

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

THE SERMON TEXT | Luke 4: 14-21 (NT p. 61)

THE MESSAGE | "The Spirit of the Lord"

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

HYMNAL #356

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***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 PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**We confess that we have sacrificed Your goodness for material goods.
We have meditated on our problems instead of meditating on Your promises.
We have shunned Your faithful love by seeking solace in sinful places.
We humbly seek Your mercy, O Lord.
Please forgive our rebellion and ignorance, our wayward hearts and loose tongues.
Restore us, O Lord, to the joy of Your salvation and make us willing to obey You.
Amen.**

THE OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY**

THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD'S PRAYER

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE**

HYMNAL #326

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***PASSING THE PEACE AND BEARING CHRIST'S PEACE TO THE WORLD**

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

***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.*

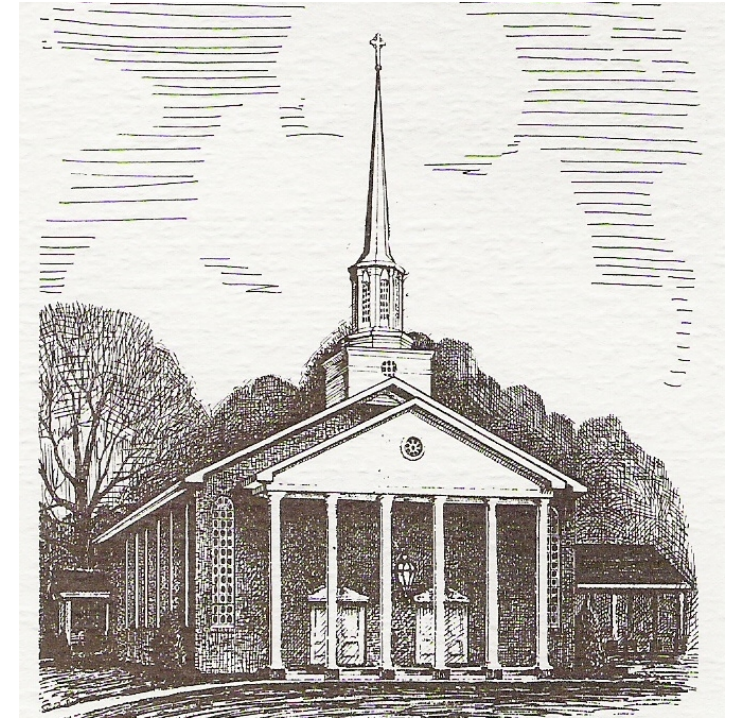
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The RPC Office is open Monday through Wednesday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, & Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

RPC Staff

Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor
Jennifer Huddleston | Choir Director
Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist
Sue Ellen Miller | Organist
Blake McGaughy | Handbell Director

RPC 2025 Session Members

Moderator Rev. Dr. Jody Hill
Class of 2027 | Robert Goolsby & Jennifer Huddleston
Class of 2026 | Price Elliott, Vince Jordan, & Ann Wigington
Class of 2025 | Kenny Hill & Dan Adams
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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Please Note...

Our lovely floral arrangement is provided by the Seekers Sunday School Class.

February 2 | “We Care” Committee Meeting | 4:00 pm | Gregg Center

February 2 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm

February 2 | Bell Choir Practice | 6:00 pm



Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available February 2 & 23.

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 2025 Budget: \$3,517.13 Offering Received 1/19/25: \$2,460.00

Worship Attendance 1/19/25: 58



JANUARY MISSION FOCUS | The South Tippah District Lunch Fund

Goal: \$500 | Total Collected as of 1/19/25: \$1,395.00

These funds will assist any student in the South Tippah District school system that does not have the money to pay for their lunch, or that has an outstanding bill that cannot be paid by their parents or caregivers.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Those affected by the California wildfires, Vince Jordan, John Parks, Mary Beth Warhurst, Anslo Rahija, Randle Beavers, Becky Montgomery, Tommy Benson, Rev. Bill Connolly and New Prospect Presbyterian Church, Tootie Rainey, Kenny James, Barbara Waldon, Sherry Hill, Ginger Britt, Mickey Hill, Jerry Henson, Judy Austin, Kaye Smith (Benton Elliott’s mother), Caleb McAlister, Paulette Campbell, Trent Rogan, Martha Reid, Teresa Rhea, Don Heavener, Leanna Davis, Max Evans, Larry Cooper, Anita Decker, Charles & Betty Holland, Jennifer Childs, Greg Harrell, Kathy Williams, David Adams, Bradford Hopper, John Walker, Helen Beavers, 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), Carl Witt, David Morrow, Donna Daniel, Laura Hines, Robert Hughes, Hannah H. Jones, Deanna Hartman, Jane Tisdale, 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 Jimmy M. Hopper

Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents

Carl Nance, III, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman

THE RPC PANTRY PROJECT

If you want to participate, simply bring any of the items on the provided list & drop them off at the church office with Lynn Hill. Please remember this is a continuing ministry for our church; we will continue to post this list until we are re-stocked.

Monetary donations are also welcomed!

Food	
Ramen Noodles	Macaroni & Cheese
Spaghetti Noodles/Boxed Pasta	Canned Sloppy Joe Mix (Manwich, etc.)
Rice	Canned Pasta Sauce
Oatmeal/Non-Flavored	Peanut Butter
Canned Soup	Jelly
Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti O's	Nabs
Canned Vegetables (Corn, Green Beans, Green Peas, Black Eyed Peas, Baked Beans, etc).	Individual serving packs of: Goldfish crackers, mini-packs of cookies, crackers, Fig Newtons, Oreos, etc.
Self-Rising Flour	Sugar
Powdered Milk	Tea Bags/Decaffeinated
Baby Water	Hamburger Helper
Bottled Water	Kool-Aid pre-sweetened packs

Bingo Prizes for Diversicare

Capri Suns or Mini Canned drinks

Variety packs of chips

Individually wrapped snack cakes

Cookies (individual packs)

Mini candy bars

Lollipops

Peanut Butter Nabs



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.