

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP
4TH 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 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ---*Jeremiah 1: 4-5*
Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Be Thou My Vision”

HYMNAL #339

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you and one another
in both our actions and our inactions.
We recognize that in Jesus our light has come,
yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light.
Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness
which shrouds our lives.
Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.
Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

---*Psalm 103: 8-12*

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

THE FIRST READING | 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 (*NT p. 175*)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT | Luke 4: 21-30 (*NT p. 61*)

THE MESSAGE | “The Prophet Jesus Not Accepted”

*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

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

HYMNAL #341

The Installation & Ordination of Elder Dan Adams

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.*

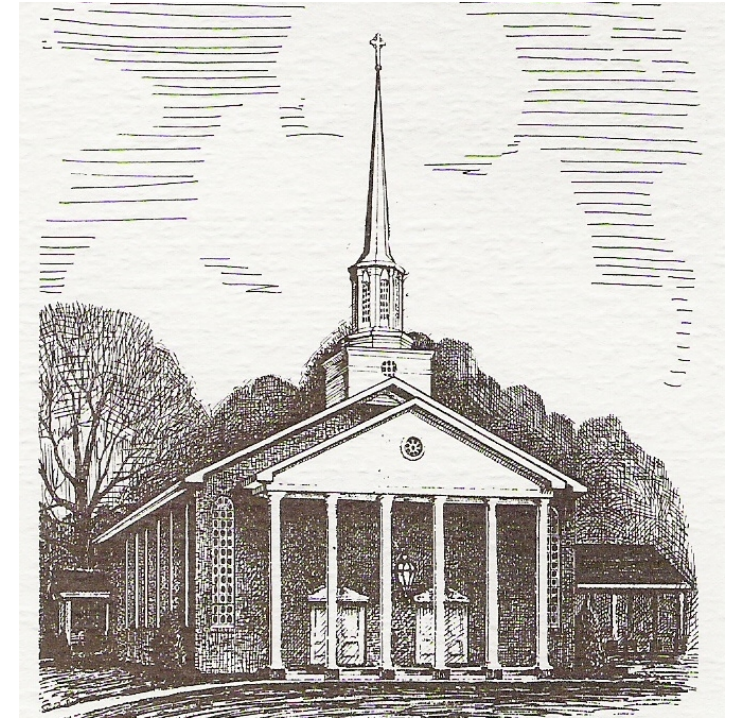
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The RPC Office is open Monday through Wednesday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, & Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

RPC Staff

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

RPC 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 RPC Presbyterian Women.

Today, February 2 | Ordination & Installation of Dan Adams (Elder Class of 2025)
Today, February 2 | Membership Workshop | 4:00 pm | Session Room
Today, February 2 | "We Care" Committee Meeting | 4:00 pm | Gregg Center
Today, February 2 | Choir Practice | 5:00 pm
Today, February 2 | Bell Choir Practice | 6:00 pm



Sanctuary Floral Arrangement dates available February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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.

RPC Weekly Financial Update

RPC Weekly 2025 Budget: \$3,517.13 Offering Received 1/26/25: \$4,409.00

Worship Attendance 1/26/25: 62

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS | The South Tippah District Lunch Fund

Final Total: \$2,090.00. Thank you, RPC! 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.



FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS: "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING / TC GOOD SAM

More than 25 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need.

Please give generously on February 9 (Super Bowl Sunday), & throughout the month of February. Every dollar donated goes to The Tippah County Good Samaritan Center – our 2025 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Those affected by the California wildfires, Allison Smith, 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 Bro. Jimmy Walker

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 | |
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| 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.

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.