

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**September 15, 2024 11:00 A.M.**

“But just as your body needs sleep,  
your soul needs time to rest in God.”  
~ Craig Groeschel

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymn No. 87

**\*CONFESSION**

**\*Invitation**

**\*Prayer of Confession:** *in unison*

Lord God, master of the universe, you are good, wise, and just. In Christ, you have shared your authority with your people, and you have invited us to rule alongside you, for the benefit of the whole world. But we do not rule well. We misuse our authority and abuse our position. We fail to see that all we have is yours. We hoard our time, energy, and resources. We treat others as means to our own ends. But, Lord God, we have seen our sin, and we are sorry; in your great mercy forgive us. Transform our hearts to reflect your goodness, wisdom, and justice. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

*“[Jesus] shared in [our] humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”*

*Hebrews 2: 14-15*  
*Page 1864*

**RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 813

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.” Amen, Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*Doxology:** “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**CHILDREN 4 YEARS – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ARE DISMISSED TO JR. CHURCH**

**THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN:** “Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn No. 562

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 1: 19-28  
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**SERMON**

“The Witness”

Dr. Heather Rice

**\*HYMN:** “Sanctuary”

Hymn No. 655

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 589

“Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.”

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Those who are able are asked to stand.*

## NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Continued prayers for our pastoral search and committee members.
- Sally Ann, friend of Ann Mulholland, aggressive breast cancer.
- Nancy Salemno's friend Johanna, Johanna's friend's son is now paralyzed from the waist down after an automobile accident.
- Lisa Yocum, recovering at home from bowel obstruction.
- Cyndi, Linda Hauptmann's daughter, hardship after house was flooded.



## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Joe Hauptmann  
Lisa Hernandez  
Ann Mulholland — various health issues  
+ Linda Pangalos — nerve pain  
Liz Rozarto  
Pat Salemno  
+ Bill and Lois Wanushek — health issues

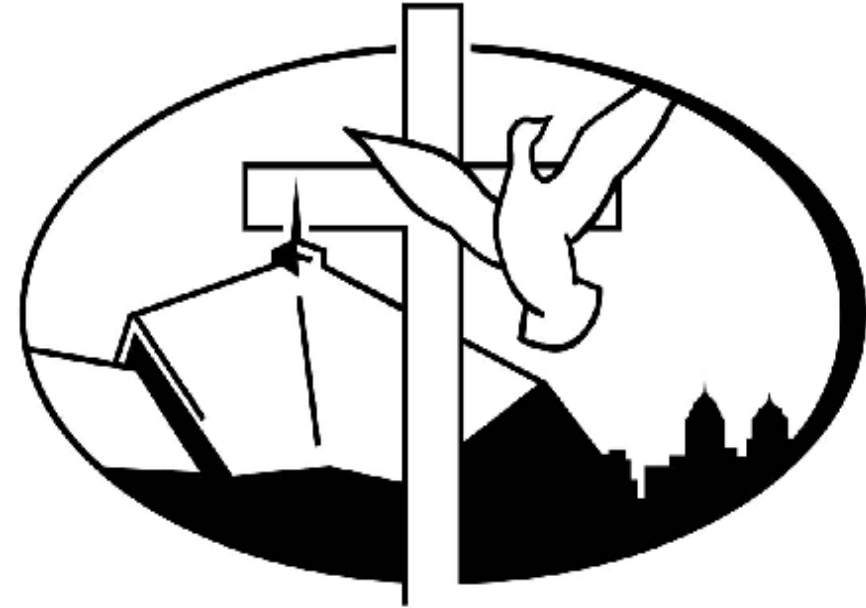
**\*Urgent Prayer Needed**

**+Just added this week**

## MINISTRY TEAM

Amy Ferretti, Administrative Assistant  
Olena Haviuk-Sheremet, Organist  
Amy Blau, Clerk of Session  
Jesse Acosta, Joel Allen, Sexton

*"We are a church that strives to teach the Bible,  
encourage a relationship with Christ,  
minister to all people, promote fellowship,  
serve our community,  
and invite them to know Jesus."*



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## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. We pray by the hearing of His Word, you find your burdens lighter, your heart encouraged, and your soul refreshed.

“Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and praise Your might.”  
Psalm 21:13

### THIS WEEK AT RPC

TODAY	11:00 AM	WORSHIP
MONDAY	10:00AM	Office Hours until 3:00PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00AM	Office Hours until 3:00PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Session Meeting Deacon's Meeting
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Communion Sunday



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WELCOME TO THE PULPIT, DR. HEATHER RICE.** Born and raised in Philadelphia, Heather is the Director of the Whosoever Gospel Mission in Germantown where she has served for 29 years, sharing the love of Christ with homeless men since she was a freshman at Central High School. She's a graduate of Cairn University, Westminster Theological Seminary, and holds a doctorate in urban mission from Biblical Theological Seminary (now Mission Seminary). Heather is passionate about helping others find and drink deeply of God's grace in Christ through her relationships, her work at the Mission, and her preaching and teaching ministry throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. She lives in Northeast Philadelphia with her cat, Pickles, and loves gardening, camping, and spending time with her friends and family.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.** For the month of September, we will be collecting hygiene items. Please **do not** include soap this year. Our collection needs will change again in October. We will continue collecting various items until November. Please drop items in the box located in the Narthex. Our Packing Party will be on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM.

