

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**November 3, 2024 11:00 A.M.**

“You don’t have to hold a position in order to be a leader.”  
~ Henry Ford

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

Hymn No. 68

**\*CONFESSION**

**\*Invitation**

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

Our Heavenly Father, we stand in marked contrast to your holiness, righteousness, perfection and truth. You see our imperfections, and know our waywardness from obeying your commandments. Your Holy Spirit grieves the unwholesome things we say and do. Please forgive us for every violation of your precepts for every unchristian thought and action. Our inconsistencies to live like true followers of Jesus hold us back from spiritual growth and hurt those we love. Our deepest need is for cleansing from our transgressions with a renewed will to obey your Word that we may be conformed to the likeness of Jesus. Renew us with your pardoning grace. Restore to us the joy of our salvation that we may worship in spirit and in truth. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

*“Who is a God like Thee, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possessions? He does not retain His anger forever because He delights in unchanging love.” (Micah 7:18) “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Isaiah 43:25*

**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**

**RECOGNITION of MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED THIS PAST YEAR**

Evelyn Glenn, William Ray

**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:** “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Hymn No. 638

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Revelation 3: 7-13, page 1916

**SERMON**

“The Church Jesus Commended”

Rev. Paul Housworth

**\*HYMN:** “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

Hymn No. 499

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE:**

“Close to Thee, close to Thee,  
Close to Thee, close to Thee;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with Thee.”

Hymn No. 607

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

## NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Family and friends of Bill Ray. Bill passed into glory on Sat. 10/26.
- Enid Milligan, recovering at home after having a stroke.
- Charlotte, Nancy Salemno's granddaughter, waiting for results from biopsy on 10/29.
- Allen Lee, friend of Linda Hauptmann's is having heart problems and prayers also for his family caring for him.
- Janet Felke, friend of Ann Mulholland's was diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Marianne & Ed Walker, sister & brother-in-law of Don McGettigan, several health issues.

## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

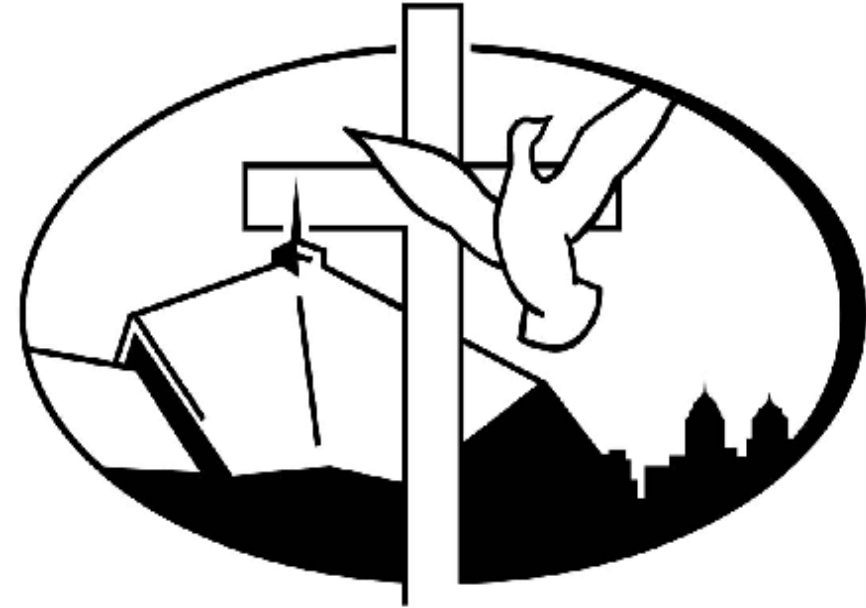
Joe Hauptmann  
Susan Jorett – health concerns  
Ann Mulholland – various health issues  
Liz Rozarto  
Pat Salemno  
Lois Wanushak – health issues

**\*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	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS



<b>TODAY</b>	Coffee Hour All Saints Day Recognition Daylight Saving Time Ends Congregational Meeting
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Recognition Day
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	OCC Packing Party
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Sunday



**FISH BOX COLLECTION FOR HUNGER.** Grab a fish box from the table in the Narthex and put it in a prominent place in your home. Collect loose change and bills throughout the next month. This is a special collection to help fight world hunger. We will divide the money 50/50 between two great organizations: World Vision and One Great Hour of Sharing. Boxes are due back on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**TO THE PULPIT, REV. PAUL HOUSWORTH.** I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at age six while on a family vacation to Word of Life at Schroon Lake, NY. The historic Great Valley Presbyterian Church in Malvern shaped & nurtured me in my Christian faith. In 1972, I began music education studies at Malone College in Canton, OH. Transferring to Eastern College in St. David's, I graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts in American History. Believing that God was calling me into Christian ministry, I graduated in 1981 from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity. I served for 2 years as the Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Flushing, Queens, NY. The Oxford Presbyterian Church in East Mt. Airy, Philadelphia called me as pastor in June 1984, a position I held for 8 years. I served on the board of Kirkwood Camp and was on the Executive Committee of The Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jew, later named Messiah Now Ministries. The Southwestern Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia called me in fall of 1992 where I served for 8 years. I accepted the invitation of Disston Memorial Pres. Church, to serve as their Stated Supply Pastor, for 14 years, until I retired in 2020. Since then, I transferred my membership to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and am active in the music and Christian Education ministries at the Oreland Evangelical Pres. Church where I attend regularly, along with Joan, my wife of 37 years.

**RECOGNITION.** By Thanksgiving, Jim and Peg Murray will be moving from New Jersey to their new home in Virginia. Being faithful members of Rhawnhurst Church, we would like to send them off with our love and support as we will miss them dearly. Please join us after the service on November 10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate with coffee and dessert.



**OCC SHOEBOXES** are available in the Narthex. Please help us share God's love with children around the world by filling a shoebox or two. Filled boxes are due back by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We are a collection center again this year. Susan Jorett is our coordinator and needs volunteers to help with sorting, counting, and boxing the shoeboxes. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the volunteer schedule insert in your bulletin and return it to Susan.