

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
December 8, 2024 11:00 A.M.

“The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity,
but its sending capacity.”
~ Mike Stachura

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE 2nd ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “Send the Light”

Hymn No. 437

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

We confess to you, O God, that we have fallen asleep. We often go through the motions and live our daily lives without much thought outside of ourselves. Forgive us for our shortsightedness. Forgive us for not being awake to the wonders and signs that you are doing something new in our world and in our lives. Help us to seek you in the face of others. Call us into your ways of love and justice, so that we might be fully awake, watching and waiting for your return in our world and in our lives in a new way. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. As we wait for Christmas, we know that Christ has already come into our world and lives, has already been born in us. We are renewed and restored. Go and share the good news of God’s love and restoration. Amen.

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 – 5TH 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

Genesis 1: 1-5
John 1: 1-5, 9-14, page 1645

SERMON

“The Coming of the Light”

Rev. Fred Klett

***HYMN:** “Shine Jesus, Shine”

Hymn No. 431

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:**

“Glo - - - ri-a
In ex-cel-sis De-o,
Glo - - - ri-a
In ex-cel-sis De - o. ”

Hymn No. 278

***POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able are asked to stand*

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Dan Berger Jr., having his 2nd surgery for hearing loss
- Chelsea Wise, friend of the Blau family, mother of 5, having high heart rate with no answers from doctors.
- Marianne & Ed Walker, sister & brother-in-law of Don McGettigan, several health issues.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

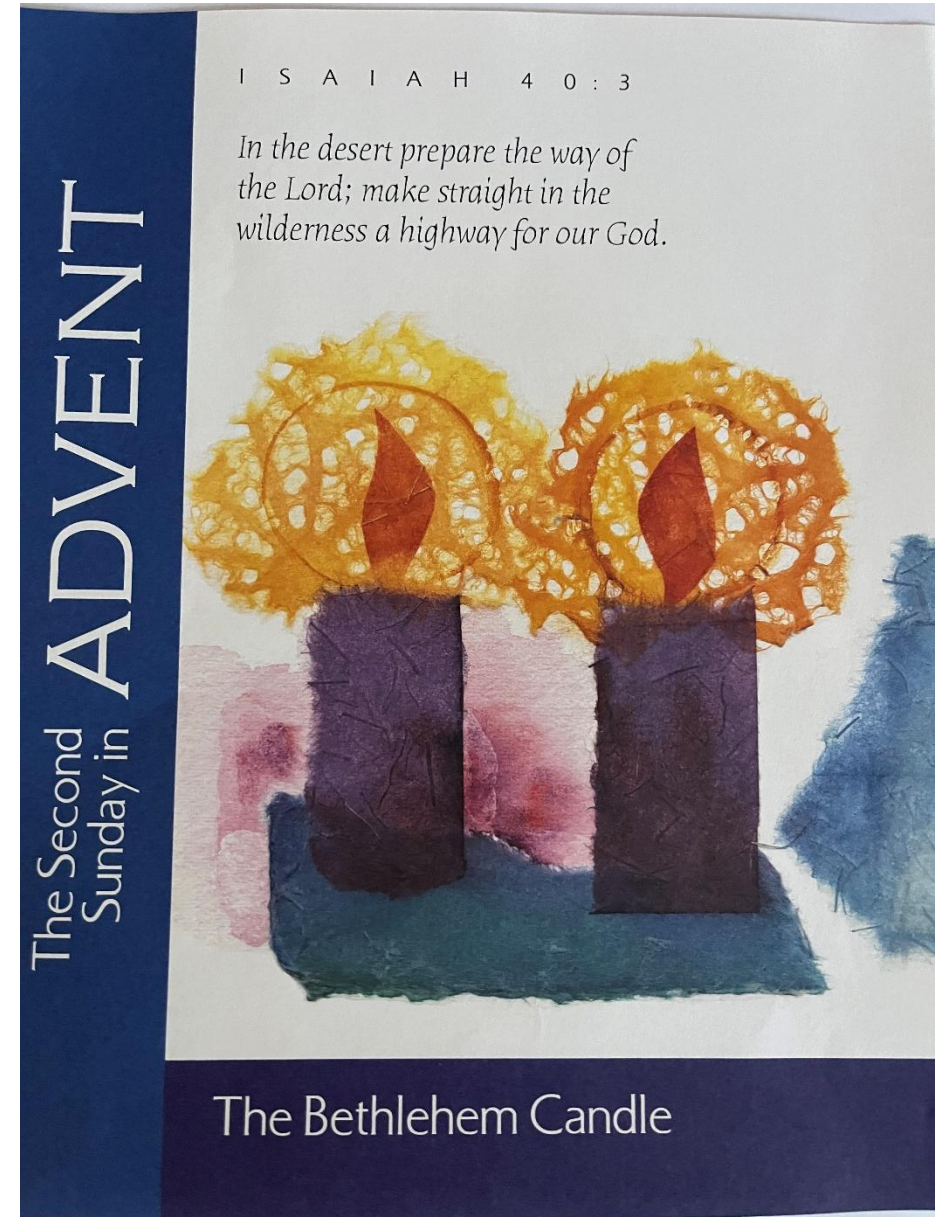
- Bob Emberger – approved for less invasive heart surgery, high risk
- Joe Hauptmann – kidney stone surgery on 12/4
- Susan Jorett – diagnosed w/gastroparesis
- Enid Milligan – recovering from a stroke
- Ann Mulholland – various health issues
- Pat Salemno
- Lois Wanushek – health issues

***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



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	NO OFFICE HOURS	
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00PM

UPCOMING EVENTS



TODAY	Worship Service
December 15 th	Joint Officers Meeting
December 24 th	Christmas Eve. Candlelight Service 6:00PM



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WELCOME TO THE PULPIT REV. FRED KLETT. He is an ordained PCA minister, the first ever called to Jewish ministry. He is the founder of the CHAIM ministry and also serves in a co-pastoral capacity for Rock of Israel PCA in Philadelphia, PA. He has been an adjunct professor at Westminster Seminary Escondido, CA, has taught courses at Reformed Theological Seminary in Washington DC and Orlando, FL and has served as a lecturer and D.Min. Adviser at Westminster Seminary Phila..

THANK YOU. Thank you all who donated food, paper goods and cash to our Disciples Basket Pantry. Because of you, we had plenty of food to help feed 3 families at Thanksgiving. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity in supporting this much needed mission. Please continue giving for our families in need at Christmas. In God's Work, Nancy Rakus.



THANK YOU. A BIG THANK YOU to the Khan Family for the delicious Thanksgiving luncheon last Sunday after Worship. We are so very thankful and blessed for this church family. Thank you for all who attended.

OFFERING ENVELOPES. Your 2025 giving envelopes are now available in the back of the Narthex. If you regularly gave this past year, *whether you are a member or not*, you have envelopes assigned to you for next year. Note: Some of the envelope numbers have been re-numbered. If you have questions, please reach out to Amy Blau or the church office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

CHRISTMAS MAILBOX. Want to send your church family holiday cards? Don't pay for postage! Use our Christmas mailboxes instead! Drop your Christmas cards in the alphabetized bins located in the Narthex and don't forget to check for cards addressed to you. We will not be mailing any cards that are left over after the New Year.



ANGEL TREE. This year, we will continue to support the Whosoever Gospel Mission through our annual Angel Tree gifts. Please refer to the wish list that has been inserted into the bulletin for a list of gift suggestions. All donations are due back to church by next Sunday, December 15th.

WHOSOEVER GOSPEL MISSION. Is looking for volunteers to help set-up and wrap gifts for their homeless men living at the Mission on Thursday, December 19th from 9:30AM – 4:00PM, when the men at the Mission will be holiday shopping for their loved ones. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. The address is: 101 E Cheltenham Ave, Phila., PA 19144.



2025 DIRECTORY. We are updating our directory to be handed out in the new year. If you have moved, gotten a new phone number, or have begun worshipping with us in the past year, please contact the church office (215-342-2112 or rpc19111@gmail.com) so that we can add you to our directory. There will also be a directory change clipboard on the table in narthex you can fill out. If you have begun worshipping with us in the past year, please also include your month and day of birth for our birthday list.



Donate to our **RPC**
ANGEL TREE



for
WHOSOEVER
gospel **MISSION**

Each year, homeless dads living at the Mission give gifts to hundreds of their kids & grandkids. For many men, it's a first step toward reconnecting with family.

PURCHASE NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS, CLOTHES, STOCKING STUFFERS, & GIFTS FOR KIDS AGES 0-18 YEARS OLD.

Put donations into the designated bin in the Narthex. RPC will donate all items to the mission.

DEADLINE FOR GIFTS:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

