# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE December 29, 2024 11:00 A.M.

"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity."

~ Mike Stachura

**PRELUDE** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

**OPENING PRAYER** 

**\*HYMN:** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Hymn No. 259

\*CONFESSION

\*Invitation

\*Prayer of Confession: in unison

Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magi to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world or trusted your good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all the fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

# \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

"But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons." Galatians 4: 4-5 Page 1813

**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.

#### **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: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn No. 249

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 10: 22-30, page 1667

**SERMON** "If No Hanukkah, Then No Christmas"

Rev. Fred Klett

\*HYMN: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn No. 277

# \*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 288

"O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, West-ward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light."

#### \*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able are asked to stand

#### **NEW PRAYER FOCUS**

- Heather Rice's grandmother is in the hospital with AFib.
- Don Buttonbush's mother passed away on 12/21. (Mother-in-law of Carol Catto's daughter, Rachel.)
- Loss of Beverly Hernandez's husband's nephew
- Caleb, the 8 yr. old son of Ann Mulholland's friend fell off a cliff into water remaining there for 2 hrs. Caleb is in a coma in CHOP. There has been some improvement with his lungs and heart but still looking for brain activity.



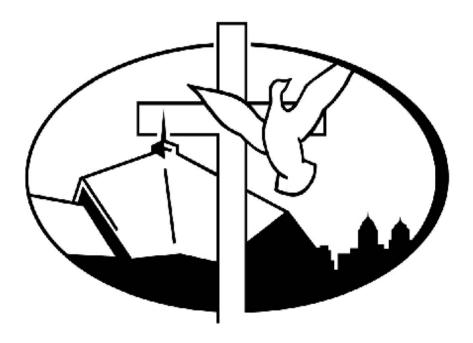
#### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Bob Emberger – upcoming surgery in January Joe Hauptmann – recovering from kidney stones Ann Mulholland – various health issues Linda Pangalos – having surgery on Tuesday 12/31 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 "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 WORS
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MONDAY 10:00AM Office Hours until 3:00PM

WEDNESDAY HAPPY NEW YEAR

THURSDAY 10:00AM Office Hours until 3:00PM

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

	TODAY	Worship Service
BINGO	January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Hour
	January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo w/St. Williams Senior resumes
	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Session Meeting
Meeting	January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons Meeting
	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Annual Meeting following worship

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**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 copastoral 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..



**CHRISTMAS MAILBOX.** Don't forget to check for Christmas cards addressed to you in the alphabetized bins located in the Narthex letter boxes. We will <u>not</u> be mailing any cards not picked up.

**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 worshiping 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. Please also include your month and day of birth for our birthday list.

