

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**January 5, 2025 11:00 A.M.**

“There’s no point in having services,  
if we’re not actually becoming the church that God has called us to be.”  
~ Francis Chan

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn No. 11

**\*CONFESSION**

**\*Invitation**

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

Great God our Father, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world. But we often prefer darkness. We cling to sins that hide your brightness. We are frightened disciples, slow to speak your good news, we have not lived your new life. Forgive and renew us, O Lord, and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may preach your Word to the nations, and proclaim your glory in Jesus Christ, our Lord and light forever. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

*“The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”*

*John 1: 9-12*  
*Page 1646*

**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:** “Another Year Is Dawning” Hymn No. 811

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 2: 1-12, page 1648

**SERMON** “Breaking Through the Ordinary” Dr. Heather Rice

**\*HYMN:** “Be Thou My Vision” Hymn No. 562

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 258

“Go, tell it on the mountain,  
O-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;  
Go,tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!”

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

## NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Family of Tom Litterer, who passed away on 01/03.
- Heather Rice's grandmother is in the hospital with AFib.
- 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. Things are slowly progressing.



## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

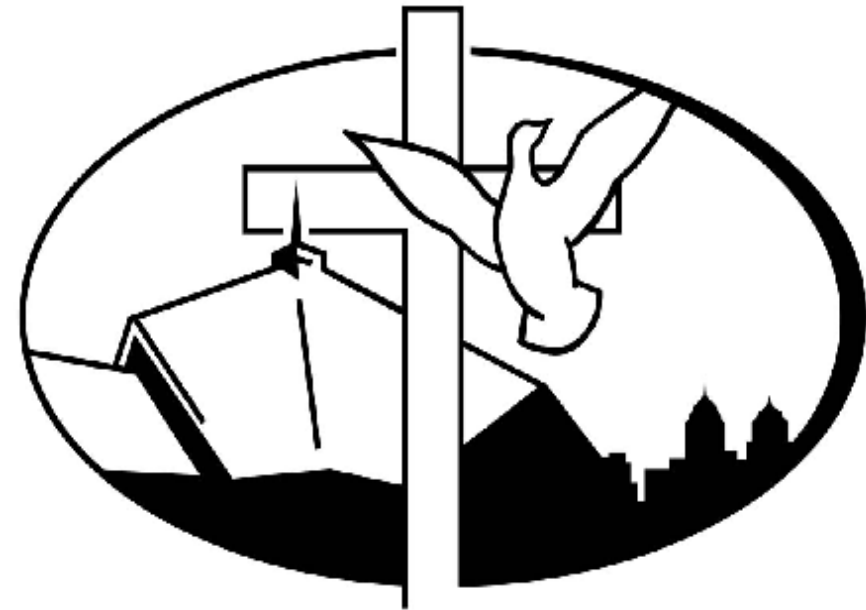
Bob Emberger – upcoming surgery in January  
Linda Pangalos – recovering from surgery on 12/31  
Lois Wanushek – health issues

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|   |                          |   |   |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|
|  | <b>TODAY</b>             | Worship Service<br>Coffee Hour                        |   |
|   | January 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Bingo w/St. Williams Senior<br>Resumes in Foster Hall |   |
|   | January 12 <sup>th</sup> | Communion<br>Session Meeting                          |  |
|  | January 26 <sup>th</sup> | Deacons Meeting                                       |   |
|   | February 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Annual Meeting following worship                      |   |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 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.

**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 Christmas. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity in supporting this much needed mission. In God's Work, Nancy Rakus.



**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS.** Plan on staying after worship on February 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Annual Meeting. At this meeting we will review the annual reports of 2024. **If you are responsible for any reports for the meeting, please have them submitted to the office by January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY.** The 2025 RPC Church Directory is available in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick up your copy today.

