

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**January 12, 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:** “Grace Greater than Our Sin” Hymn No. 344

**\*CONFESSION**

**\*Invitation**

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

Almighty God, we know that in your holy presence, all hearts are open, and all desires are known, and from you nothing is hidden. So today we acknowledge our sin to you. We have actively rebelled against your will for us. We have passively rejected your desire for us. We are more concerned with the viewpoints of others than with worshiping, serving, and obeying you. Forgive us and renew our hearts. Cleanse our thoughts, words, and actions, that we may devoutly love you and worthily magnify your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”*  
2 Corinthians 5:17  
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**\*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**

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

**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**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN:** “Rock of Ages” Hymn No. 342

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 2: 13-25, *page 1648*

**SERMON** “The Heart of Men” Dr. Heather Rice

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

**APOSTLES CREED** *(in front of hymnal)*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and 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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*HYMN:** “And Can It Be?” Hymn No. 347

**\*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**

## NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Family and friends of Fred Wagner who passed away on 12/24/24. Fred is a friend of Jesse Acosta.
- Fiore family, family friend of Ann Mulholland whose father passed away
- Heather Rice's grandmother, Shirley Parcel, is now home from the hospital and trying to get her strength, confidence and routine back.
- Caleb, the 8 yr. old son of Ann Mulholland's friend is still in a coma at CHOP. There has been small improvement, but still looking for brain activity.
- Betty Harding, recovering from knee surgery.



## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

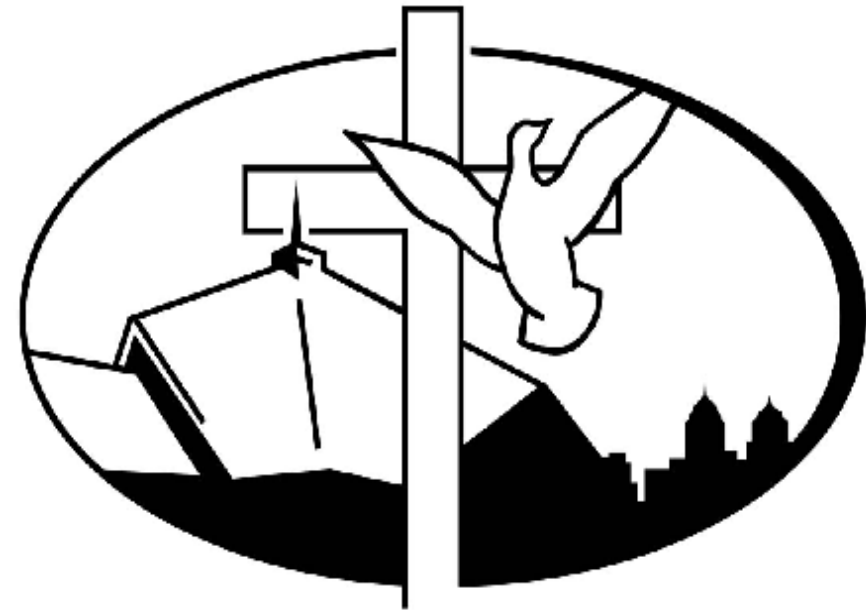
Bob Emberger – recovering from COVID & meeting w/surgeons on 01/16  
Linda Pangalos – recovering from surgery on 12/31  
Lois Wanushek – health issues

**\*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>	Communion Session Meeting
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons Meeting
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Coffee Hour Annual Meeting following worship



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

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**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).

**IN REMEMBRANCE.** Long time member and friend, Tom Litterer went home to be with the Lord on Friday 1/3/25. Services will be held on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> here at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 9:30am -10:30am and Service will begin at 10:30am. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, 898 Adams Ave. Philadelphia PA 19124.



**APPORTIONMENT OFFERING.** If you are a member of Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church, as discussed at the last annual meeting, please make sure that you are submitting **\$37.00 PER MEMBER** for your apportionment offering. Your envelopes have last year's amount on them because Presbytery didn't send out their updated amount until November.

**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>.**