

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**January 19, 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:** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Hymn No. 21

**\*CONFESSION**

**\*Invitation**

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

Holy Father, we come to you this morning in need of inspiration. We admit that we can get quite overwhelmed with our earthly circumstances. We confess that we look at our current situations without realizing all that is available on our behalf. Please forgive us for our spiritual blindness. Open our eyes that you might reveal to us how you are already caring for us and protecting us. Strengthen our faith so that we will be fully present to your loving care for us. We pray this humbly in Christ’s name. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

*“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”*  
*John 6:40, page 1657*

**\*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.

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

**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:** “My Savior’s Love” Hymn No. 348

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 3: 1-21, *page 1649*

**SERMON** “Born Again” Dr. Heather Rice

**\*HYMN:** “Our Great Savior” Hymn No. 17

**\*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

- +Friends and family of Samantha, daughter of a friend of the Joret family, who passed away days after giving birth. Samantha leaves behind 3 children.
- California Wildfires
- +Baby Willow and twin sister Zoe, 15mos. Willow is in the hospital with pneumonia and the flu. Zoe is also sick.
- Praises for baby Paxton, home from the hospital and doing well. Paxton is Karen Toner's niece's baby.
- 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.



## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

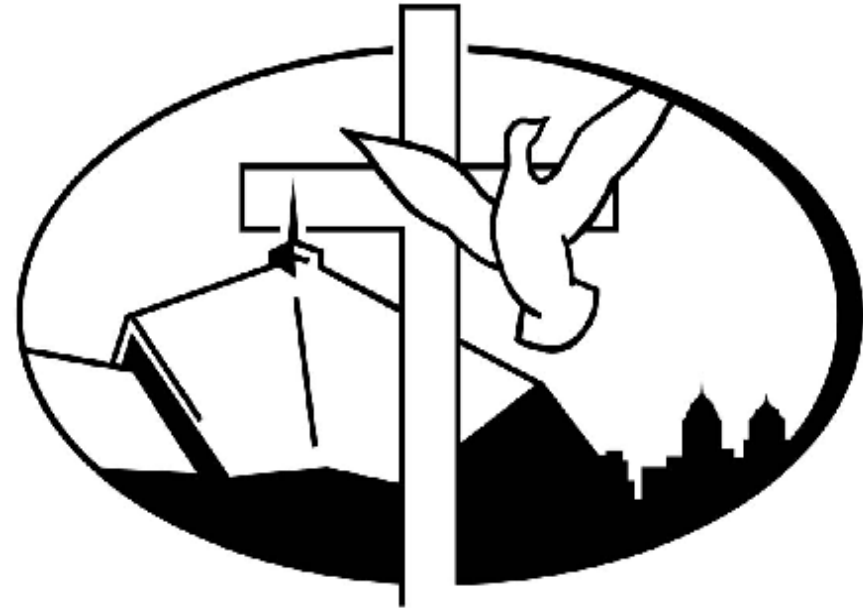
Bob Emberger – hospitalized recovering from COVID.  
Linda Pangalos – recovering from surgery, she is home and doing well.  
Lois Wanushek – health issues

**\*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

Today	Worship Service Meeting Reports DUE
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons Meeting
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Coffee Hour Annual Meeting following worship
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting



## 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).

**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.



**SPECIAL OFFERING.** The beginning of this year has brought unprecedented challenges for California, who now face a devastating disaster. The harrowing images of wildfires consuming parts of California, have deeply impacted us all, stirring our hearts with sorrow and compassion. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in communication

with faith leaders in the affected communities. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, PDA has released emergency grants to provide immediate assistance. Our Session has approved a donation of \$1,000 to aide in the support of those affected by the wildfires. If you would like to add to our church's contribution, please place your donation in the special offering plate in the Narthex as you leave today. All money donated will be sent directly to PDA and earmarked for the "California Wildfires". Thank you, the RPC Elders.