

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
March 9, 2025 11:00 A.M.

“Life is God’s novel. Let him write it.”
~ Isaac Bashevis Singer

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “Fairest Lord Jesus” Hymn No. 87

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Lord, your Kingdom is open to all by the empty grave and faith in Jesus. But we often construct roadblocks that hinder people from entering. We demand good behavior from others before showing them where to find your life-changing grace. We work to appear righteous and good, but fail to practice Jesus' basic instructions: love God, love others, forgive freely, and share the good news. Forgive us for our sin and our waywardness. Let us lean wholly on your grace that we may follow you faithfully and lead others to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.” Joel 2:13

***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.

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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:** “I Need Thee Every Hour” Hymn No. 638

SCRIPTURE READING John 4: 16-26, page 1652

SERMON “Spirit and Truth” 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:** “Nothing But the Blood” Hymn No. 337

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 92

“O how I love Jesus! O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!”

***POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able are asked to stand*

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Nancy Ostroff, friend of Nancy Salemno, has stage 3 abdominal cancer; surgery was postponed due to her having COVID.
- Eric Blau, having hernia surgery 3/10, with possible gallbladder removal as well.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Bob Emberger – home from the hospital. Prayer for continued pain management and for sleep.

Junior Hernandez – diagnosed with pancreatitis.

Betsy Ulmer – in St. Joseph Manor

Jane Vanderleeuw, recovering after having successful shoulder surgery.

Lois Wanushek – health issues

***Urgent prayers**

+Just added this week

MINISTRY TEAM

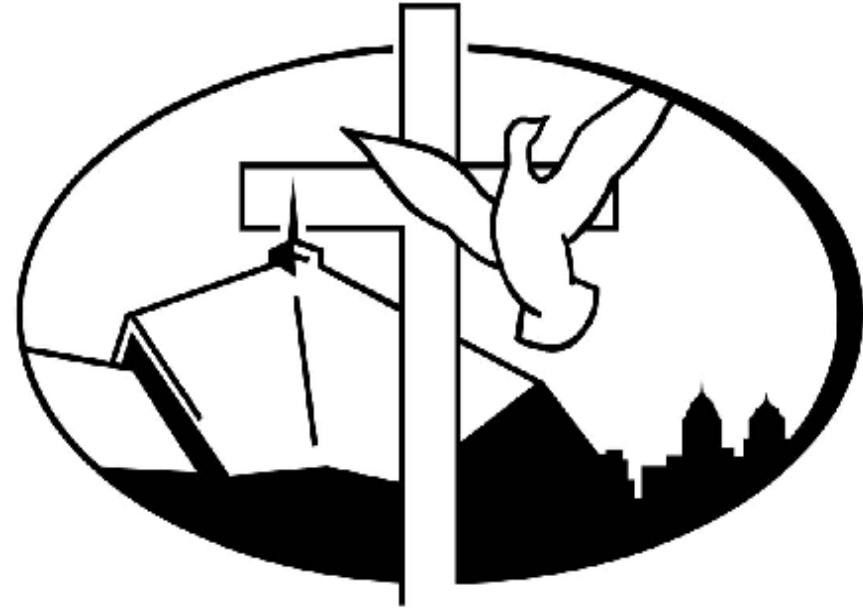
Amy Ferretti, Administrative Assistant

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
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS



TODAY	Communion
March 16 th	Session Meeting
March 23 rd	Potluck Luncheon
March 30 th	Deacons Meeting



you are bringing so we do not have duplicates. We ask that you bring enough to feed at least 6 people.

POTLUCK. We will have a Potluck Luncheon after worship on Sunday, March 23rd. If you plan to attend, please RSVP using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We need to know who will be coming and what type of dish

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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).

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your RPC family on Monday, March 17th from 12–2pm. This is a brown bag event (bring your lunch). Come prepared to have fun as we enjoy Irish Tea, Irish Baked Goods, Irish Jokes, Irish Trivia...all served with Irish Blarney and the Lilt of Irish Laughter. As they say in Ireland, "Ah, Shure, Twill Be Grand To See Ye".



IN SEARCH OF VOLUNTEERS. The Session of RPC is looking for congregational participants to be a part of some new committees being formed. The first, is a “**Visitation Committee**”; specifically for visiting churchgoers who are in the hospital, who are sick and shut-in, or just need a friendly visit. The second is a “**Congregational Life Committee**”; those involved will help to plan bible studies, potlucks, and any activities outside of Sunday worship. If you are interested in learning more about either of these opportunities, please contact an Elder or the church office at rpc19111@gmail.com/(215) 342-2112).



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. We are collecting items for our packing party in November for Operation Christmas Child. We are a drop-off location again. A list of needed items for the packing party is on the table in the Narthex. If you can donate to this very important mission, please take a copy of the list from the table, purchase items on the list, and drop them in the OCC box located in the Narthex. Drop off week this year for filled shoeboxes is Nov. 17th – 24th and our packing party will be on Sat., Nov. 15th. Contact Susan Jorett if you have any questions. Thank you!

