# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE March 16, 2025 11:00 A.M.

"Life is God's novel. Let him write it." ~ *Isaac Bashevis Singer* 

**PRELUDE** 

CALL TO WORSHIP

**OPENING PRAYER** 

\*HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn No. 686

#### \*CONFESSION

\*Invitation

\*Prayer of Confession: in unison

O Lord, your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. But sometimes we assume that our good deeds must reach that far, too. Please forgive us when we assume human effort garners your forgiveness. Remind us that it's not the heroic nature of our Christian living that pleases you. Instead, our communion with you is secured by Christ's death on the cross. Give us eyes and ears to experience your love. In this love, anchor the hearts of your children, that we might be free from performance anxiety, from workaholism, from fear of failure. Make us new, that we may share this love more freely. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

1 John 4:10

\*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 - 5TH 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:** "God Will Take Care of You" Hymn No. 692

**SCRIPTURE READING** Esther, page 775

**SERMON** "For a Time Such as This" Rev. Fred Klett

\*HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymn No. 682

\*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**



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

Bob Emberger – Continued pain management and for sleep.

Junior Hernandez – diagnosed with pancreatitis. May be transferred to a different hospital.

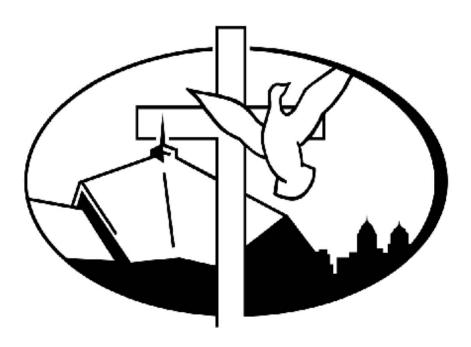
Betsy Ulmer – in St. Joseph Manor Jane Vanderleeuw, recovering after having successful shoulder surgery. Lois Wanushek – health issues

# \*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

MONDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**





**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 you are

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

## **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 serves in a co-pastoral 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 Orland, FL and has served as a lecturer and D.Min. Adviser at Westminster Seminary Phila.

**EXCITING NEWS!** Newly formed Small Group Studies are being offered this Spring: 1) "Dive into Titus", 2) "Growing Older and Wiser", and 3) "The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations". Please see Kathleen McGettigan or Susan Jorett for details. We look forward to this valuable time together.





**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION.** Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your RPC family *tomorrow*, 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 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).