

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**March 23, 2025 11:00 A.M.**

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

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** “Jesus Saves!” Hymn No. 438

**\*CONFESSION**

**\*Invitation**

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

Lord God, as we draw near to your holiness in prayer, we are once again reminded of our own pride and selfish nature. We confess that we are still guilty of putting our own needs first, even justifying moments of self-righteous behavior. Have mercy upon us, Father, and cleanse us from our self-serving plans. Show us instead how to be genuine servants as we surrender our will to your will. We pray this humbly in Christ’s name. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

*“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.”*

*Psalm 145: 13-14*  
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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**

**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:** “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Hymn No. 431

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 4: 27-45, page 1652

**SERMON**

“Lift Up Your Eyes”

Dr. Heather Rice

**\*HYMN:** “Here I Am, Lord” Hymn No. 589

**\*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

- Dave Clarke is at home recovering after having a stroke.
- Claire Green, friend of Rosemary Hargreaves, having heart problems.
- Family of Michael Rau, family member of the Rakus and Blau families; Michael passed away on 03/19 from liver and kidney failure.
- Elizabeth Rakus, niece of Michael Rakus, back in the hospital, complications of diabetes and groin infection.
- Kris Robertson, cousin of Nancy Rakus, awaiting her 2<sup>nd</sup> liver transplant, however, spots were found on her breast (possible cancer), which may lead to her being taken off the transplant list.



## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Bob Emberger – Continued pain management and for sleep.  
Junior Hernandez – diagnosed with pancreatitis. Had picc line put in. Is at Jefferson Hospital.
- +Susan Jorett – suffered hemiplegic migraine.  
Betsy Ulmer – in St. Joseph Manor  
Jane Vanderleeuw, recovering after having successful shoulder surgery.  
Lois Wanushek – health issues

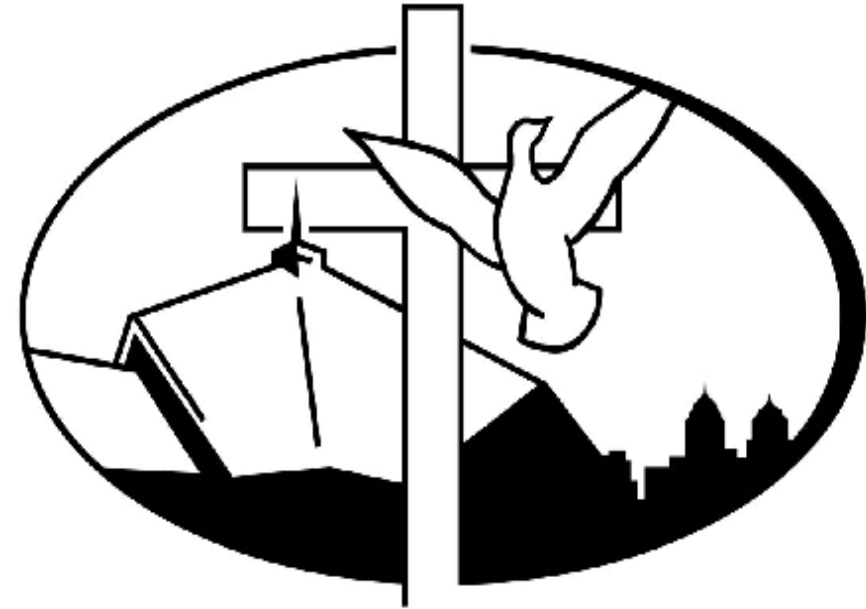
## \*Urgent prayers

## +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	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS



TODAY	Potluck Luncheon
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons Meeting
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Hour
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday Communion Service 6:00PM
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day Easter Breakfast 9:30AM
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting Deacons Meeting



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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).

**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.



**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](mailto:rpc19111@gmail.com) / (215) 342-2112).