

MORNING WORSHIP
December 31, 2023 11:00 A.M.

“Where I’m planted is an act of God’s design;
staying planted is an act of my obedience.”
~Samuel Deuth

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.”

Romans 4: 7-8
Page 1751

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “We Three Kings”

Hymn No. 288

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magi to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world or trusted your good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son’s birth and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all the fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ”

Galatians 4: 4-5
Page 1813

***RESPONSE:**

“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.

Hymn No. 813

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:** “Away in a Manger”

Hymn No. 261

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 2: 25-29
Page 1749

SERMON

“First Blood”

Rev. Niel Bech
Luke 2:21, Page 1591

***HYMN:** “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Hymn No. 267

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:**

“This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.”

Hymn No. 281

***POSTLUDE**

*Those who are able are asked to stand

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Dan & Lydia Berger's daughter, recovery from a broken leg.
- Maureen Rebstock, friend of Nancy Salemno has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer that has spread to her lungs and liver.
- Dell, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Peace in Israel.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Tom Litterer
Ann Mulholland - personal & family issues
Millie O'Neal
Bill Ray
Pat Salemno – Flap surgery scheduled for Jan. 29th
Bob Toner

*** Urgent Prayer needs this week**
+ Just added this week



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

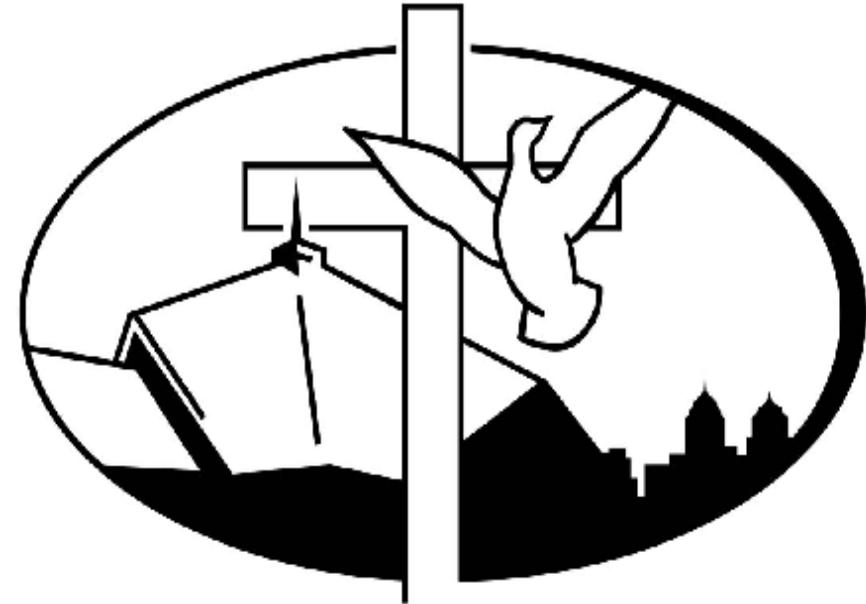
MINISTRY TEAM

Amy Ferretti, Administrative Assistant
Olena Haviuk-Sheremet, Organist
Amy Blau, Clerk of Session
Jesse Acosta, Joel Allen, Sexton

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

The Congregation of the Church

*“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	~~~~~ OFFICE CLOSED ~~~~~	
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 10th Bingo, 10am in Foster Hall with St. Williams Senior group.
- January 14th Coffee Hour , 10:15AM
Session Meeting
- January 28th Deacon’s Meeting
- February 11th Annual Meeting
Potluck Luncheon



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TO THE PULPIT, REV. NIEL BECH. Niel Bech is a retired minister who keeps active supplying pulpits in the Philadelphia area and New Jersey. His ministry has included serving in a theological seminary, assistant pastor in two churches, stated supply and more. He and his wife, Karen, will soon celebrate their 52nd Anniversary. They have four children and 5 grandchildren.

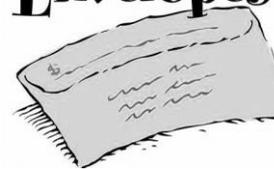


CHRISTMAS MAILBOX. Don’t forget to check for Christmas cards addressed to you in the alphabetized bins located in the Narthex letter boxes. We will not be mailing any cards not picked up.

2024 DIRECTORY. We are updating our directory to be handed out in the new year. If you have moved, gotten a new phone number, or have begun worshipping with us in the past year, please contact the church office (215-342-2112 or rpc19111@gmail.com) so that we can add you to our directory. There will also be a directory change clipboard on the table in narthex you can fill out. If you have begun worshipping with us in the past year, please also include your month and day of birth for our birthday list.



Offering Envelopes



Your 2024 giving envelopes are now available in the back of the Narthex. If you regularly gave this past year, *whether you are a member or not*, you have envelopes assigned to you for next year. For those of you who have had envelopes for a while, you will notice that the numbers were reordered. This was done to save money going forward. If you have questions, please reach out to Amy Blau or the church office.