

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**January 7, 2024 11:00 A.M.**

“The Church is the only society that exists  
for the benefit of those who are not its members.  
~ William Temple

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** “We Three Kings” Hymn No. 288

**\*CONFESSION**

**\*Invitation**

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

Eternal God, we confess we often do not trust you fully. We admit we often fail to obey you. Instead, we live according to our own priorities. We have not grown into your call to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. We have not worshipped you with everything we are and everything we have. We have not esteemed others nearly to the level we esteem ourselves. We have forsaken your assignment to go and make disciples of all peoples. Forgive us, O Lord. Bring us back to complete trust in you and joyful obedience. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

*“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”*  
1 Timothy 1:15  
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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**

\*Those who are able are asked to stand

**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:** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Hymn No. 279

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 60: 1-6, page 1155  
Matthew 2: 13-23, page 1498

**SERMON** “A Star in the East. Reality on the Ground.”  
Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann

**\*HYMN:** “What Child Is This” Hymn No. 281

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 281

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

## NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Dan & Lydia Berger's daughter, Lydia, recovery from a broken leg.
- Nancy, had spinal cord surgery on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 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. 29<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Toner

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



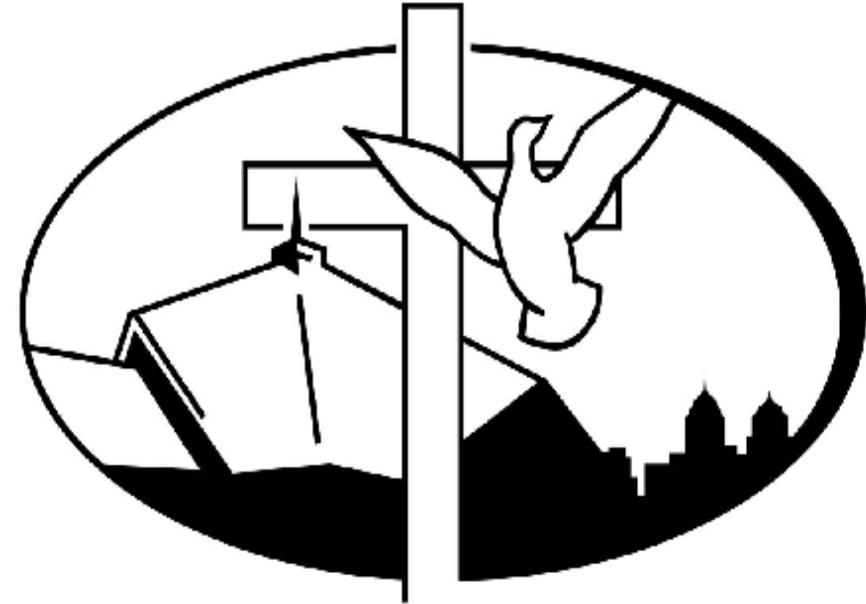
### MINISTRY TEAM

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS



January 10<sup>th</sup> Bingo, 10am in Foster Hall with St. Williams Senior group.

January 14<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour , 10:15AM  
Session Meeting

January 28<sup>th</sup> Deacon's Meeting

February 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Potluck Luncheon



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**TO THE PULPIT, REV. DR. ANDREW H. MANN, JR., D.MIN.** Drew was born in Philadelphia in 1947; his first home was M Street in Kensington. After several moves ending in Levittown, Drew graduated from Neshaminy High School in 1965. He graduated from Bucknell University (BA in English Literature) in 1969, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1972 (M.Div.), and received his Doctor of Ministry from McCormack Theological Seminary in 1981. His thesis was completed in Family Violence and Sexual Abuse, and resulted in the opening of the first state certified shelter for battered women and children in upstate New York, the S.O.S. Shelter, Inc.. The shelter has served roughly 25,000 women and children (sadly). Drew retired August 31, 2014, after 42 years in the full-time pastoral ministry. He served four churches ranging from Endicott, NY to Arlington, VA and in both the Flourtown and the Glading Memorial churches in the Philadelphia Presbytery. Since retiring, he has served as the Transitional Minister at Overbrook Presbyterian, the Transitional Associate Minister for Older Adults and Pastoral Care at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, and as the Transitional Minister of Northampton Presbyterian. Most recently, he completed nearly two years as pulpit supply at Bensalem Presbyterian. Drew resides now in Abington with his wife of 53 years, Meg (who is also a retired Presbyterian minister). They have a daughter, who is an active Ruling Elder at Chestnut Hill Presbyterian.



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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.** We are doing things a little differently for collecting items this year. This year in January and February we will be collecting hygiene items. Brushes, combs, toothbrushes, soap, wash rags, small packs of tissue, etc. Then in March and April, we will be collecting something different. It will go on like this until November. If you have any questions, please see Susan Jorett.

