

MORNING WORSHIP
February 18, 2024 11:00 A.M.

“A prayerful church is a powerful church.”
~ Charles Spurgeon

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalm 32: 1-2
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OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymn No. 686

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Eternal God and Redeemer, we confess we have tried to hide from you. We have not followed your commands. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned away from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from our misguided ways, that we may choose to obey your will for us to the glory of your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.”

Romans 3: 23-25
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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**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN:** “I Must Tell Jesus”

Hymn No. 636

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:1-11
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SERMON

“A Tempting Alternative”

Rev. Niel Bech
2 Corinthians 6: 1-10, Page 1799

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

NICENE CREED *(see insert)*

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:** “Spirt of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Hymn No. 390

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 410

“Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God,
My Savior; Standing, standing,
I’m standing on the promises of God.”

***POSTLUDE**

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Family and friends of Daniel Brooker, Lori Matijkiw's uncle. Dan passed away on 1/28/24.
- Brian DiFeo, friend of Ann Mulholland, had a stroke.
- Clara, upcoming knee surgery.
- Gail Klein is now in St. Joe's for rehabilitation.
- Bob Emberger – heart catheterization last Tuesday, awaiting a f/u appt
- Peace in Israel.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Susan Jorett – recovering from surgery
Ann Mulholland
Millie O'Neal
Bill Ray
Pat Salemno – recovery from flap surgery
Bob Toner

*** Urgent Prayer needs this week**

+ Just added this week



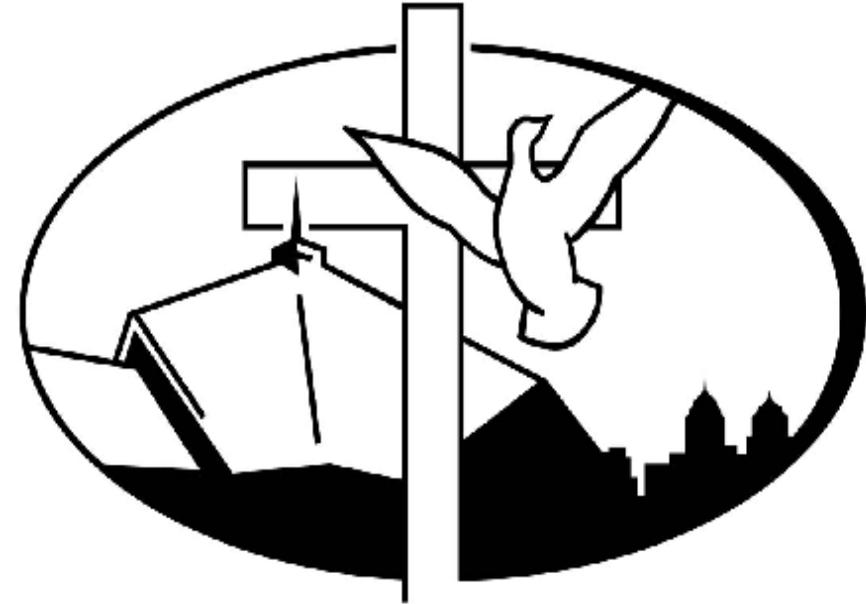
MINISTRY TEAM

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



TODAY

Coffee Hour
Communion
Session Meeting
Deacon's Meeting



February 24 th	Celebration of Life for Dee Foster
March 24 th	Palm Sunday
March 31 st	Easter Sunday

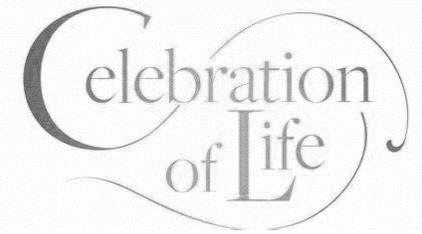
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Anniversary. They have four children and 5 grandchildren.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE. Family and friends of Dee Foster invite us to join as we come together to remember, honor and celebrate the life of Dee Foster on Saturday, February 24th at 12:00pm here at RPC followed by a light luncheon in Foster Hall.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. This year, we are doing things differently for collecting items for OCC. In January and February, we will be collecting hygiene items (i.e., brushes, combs, toothbrushes, soap, wash rags, small packs of tissue, etc.) Then, in March and April, we will be collecting different items. It will continue like this until November. If you have any questions, please see Susan Jorett.