

MORNING WORSHIP
March 31, 2024 11:00 A.M.

“Just because you go to church doesn’t mean you’re a Christian.
I can go sit in the garage all day and it doesn’t make me a car.”
~ Joyce Meyer

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “Christ Arose!”

Hymn No. 357

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Heavenly Father, we praise you for your grace. Once dead in our sins, you extended your merciful love to us and we are now made alive together in Christ. Yet we confess that we are still prone at times to follow the desires of our own flesh, and for this we are sorry. Please forgive our forgetfulness of your gracious love. On Easter Sunday, we are grateful that you do not judge us according to our sins, for we would not stand the scrutiny of your absolute holiness. Because Christ died for us, He has been judged in our place and punished for our sins. May we now, in faith, fully identify with Christ's perfect righteousness, simply by trusting in Him. We gratefully pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15: 54-57

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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.

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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:** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hymn No. 377

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 16: 1-14

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SERMON

“Christ Is Risen!”

Dr. Heather Rice

***HYMN:** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Hymn No. 367

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:**

“Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever;
One day He’s coming—O glorious day!”

Hymn No. 294

***POSTLUDE**

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Danielle Sansane, diagnosed with MS. Praising God for restoring 95% of her eyesight.
- Beverly Sansane, had surgery and in the hospital with 25 blood clots in her lungs.
- Florence, struggling with mental health issues.
- Bob Emberger – underwent procedure & cleared 70% blockage in his artery. Diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension.
- Peace in Israel.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Susan Jorett
Kathleen McGettigan
Ann Mulholland
Millie O'Neal
Bill Ray
Nancy Salemno
Pat Salemno
Bob Toner

*** Urgent Prayer needed**

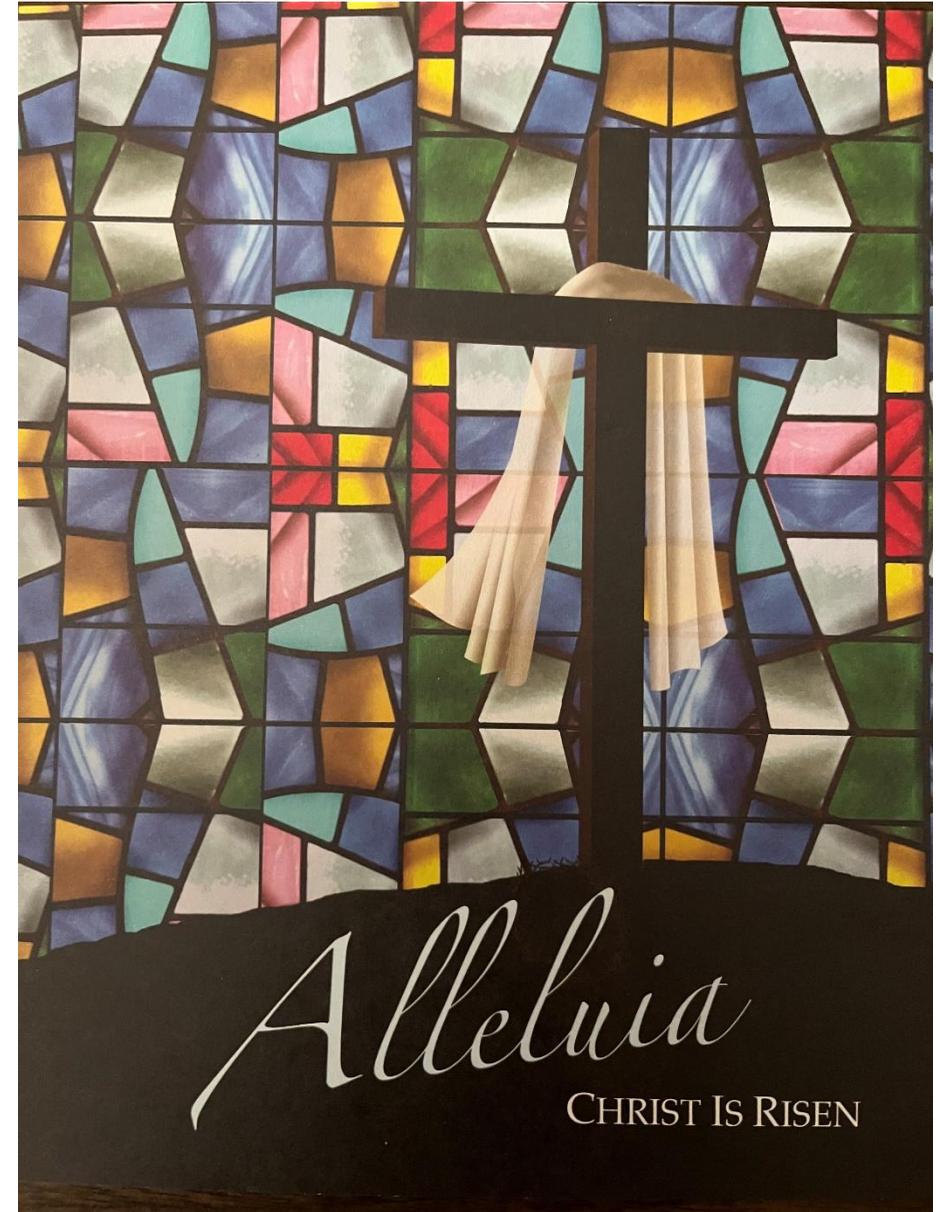
+ Just added this week

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



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	Easter Sunday	
	April 14 th	Coffee Hour	
	April 21 st	Session Meeting	
	April 23 rd	Election Day	

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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). Heather is passionate about helping others find and drink deeply of God's grace in Christ through her relationships, her work at the Mission, and her preaching and teaching ministry throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. She lives in Northeast Philadelphia with her cat, Pickles, and loves gardening, camping, and spending time with her friends and family.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. For the months of March and April we will be collecting toys and small stuffed animals. These items will change in May and June. We will continue collecting various items until November.



DISCIPLES BASKET. Our Disciples Basket has always been a much needed and appreciated mission at RPC. Our list of families was updated in the new year, and we are down to just one family. Since our needs are not as great, it will allow us to personalize our giving as we move forward. Instead of donating food, we are asking for monetary donations, and I will shop for the family's specific needs. There will be a container in the Narthex for your cash donations. If you feel so inclined, please donate the amount you might have spent on items you would have purchased. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated. Thank you, Nancy Rakus.

