

MORNING WORSHIP
March 17, 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:** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymn No. 87

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Gracious and loving God, our hearts are wandering and distracted. You invite us to serve and love you now, but we refuse because we have places to be and things to do. Our excuses blind us to your call. The urgent and temporary push out what you consider truly important and eternal. Forgive our lack of conviction, discernment, and purpose. Restore to us the joy of serving and loving You. May our lives give you glory and honor. We pray through Christ our Lord. 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 – 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:** “Like a River Glorious”

Hymn No. 737

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 34: 1-10
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SERMON

“Better than a Tastykake!”

Rev. Robert Emberger

***HYMN:** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Hymn No. 370

***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

- Bob Weaver, diagnosed with 2 types of leukemia. Prayers for Marlene, his wife as she is caring for him.
- Bryan DeFeo and his wife as she cares for him. Bryan is at home doing rehab after being in the hospital for 6 weeks.
- The son of Dan Mullen's friend is having behavioral health issues.
- Bob Emberger – underwent procedure & cleared 70% blockage in his artery. Diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension.
- Peace in Israel.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Susan Jorett
Ann Mulholland
Millie O'Neal
Bill Ray

Nancy Salemno – praise antibiotics working after knee surgery
Pat Salemno – PICC line will be removed soon after flap surgery
Bob Toner

*** Urgent Prayer needed**

+ Just added this week



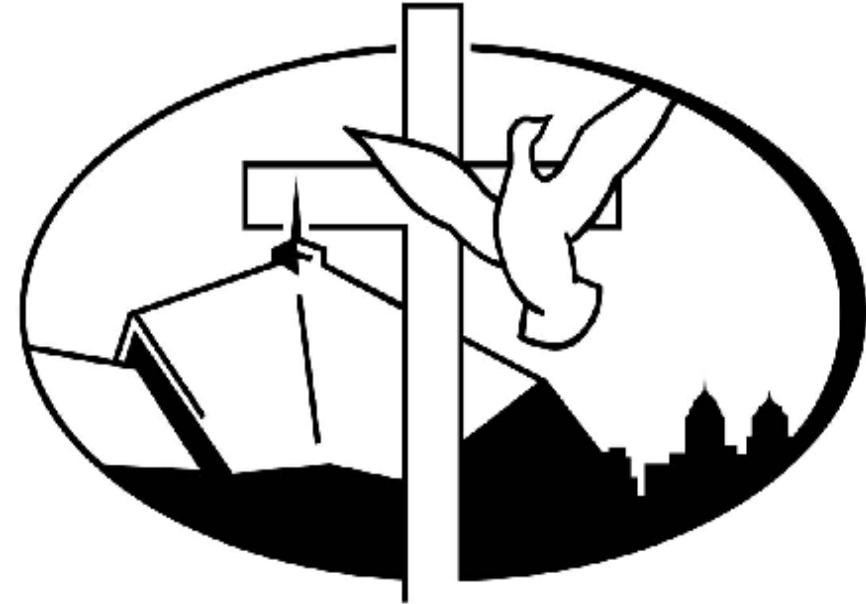
MINISTRY TEAM

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

*“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	Worship Service
March 24 th	Palm Sunday Deacons' Meeting
March 28 th	Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm Communion
March 31 st	Easter Sunday



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TO THE PULPIT, DR ROBERT A. EMBERGER. Bob was born and raised in Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Cairn University, Biblical Theological Seminary, and holds a doctorate in pastoral counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. Bob has served as the Executive Director of the Whosoever Gospel Mission since 1989. The Whosoever Gospel Mission introduces homeless men to the loving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, provides for their basic needs, and equips them with the skills and resources they need to achieve productive, independent living. He has been married for 46 years to Marcia who works full-time as a registered nurse. Bob and Marcia have four adult children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys camping, reading, stamp collecting, gardening, traveling and pizza.

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.

