

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
October 4, 2026 11:00 A.M.

*“God had one Son without sin,
but He never had a son without trial.”
— D.L. Moody*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “Fairest Lord Jesus” Hymn No. 87

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Gracious God, You have given us the good news of Jesus Christ and poured out Your Spirit to lead and guide us. Yet we confess that we do not always turn to You. We cling to old habits, hold tightly to our own desires, and resist the changes You seek to make in us. Too often we hear Your truth without allowing it to shape our lives. Forgive us, Lord. Give us hearts that are willing to turn back to You and follow where You lead. Fill us with Your Spirit, strengthen our faith, and help us see the people around us who need Your love. Give us courage to join You in the work You are already doing and to share the hope we have in Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”
Ezekiel 36: 25-27

***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**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN:** “Near the Cross” Hymn No. 319

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 11:-23-26, page 1784

SERMON “A Celebration of Love!” Rev. Robert Emberger

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

APOSTLES CREED *(in front of hymnal)*

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:** “My Hope is In the Lord” Hymn No. 540

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 583

*“Jesus, Lamb of God, Wor-thy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, Wor-thy is Your Name!”*

***POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able are asked to stand*

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Junior Hernandez, had a health setback and was hospitalized for a few days.
- Ursula, sister of Walt Sollberger, having a stent placed in her heart on Oct. 5th.
- Prayers for Liz Rozarto as she travels to Kansas on Oct. 15th to pick up her sister who will be living with her. They return on Oct. 30th. Prayers during this transition for both.
- John Kederis, friend of Suzanne Allen, is waiting for an opening in a skilled nursing facility for his wife, Chris, who has dementia. Prayers for a quick opening and for John's health.
- Ben Brous, friend of Bob Emberger and Associate Pastor at Lawndale Baptist, having open heart surgery on Oct. 8th. Prayers for his wife Beth and children during this time.
- Nancy Ostroff, friend of Nancy Salemno, is battling cancer.
- Carl, brother of Liz Rozarto, continues his battle with cancer.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Bob Emberger – prayers for strength and pain relief.
- Rosemary Hargreaves – recovering from broken femur.
- Linda Hauptmann – Pancreas health issues.
- Rev. Fred Klett, resumed chemotherapy and feeling better.
- Lois Wanusheck, struggling with health issues.

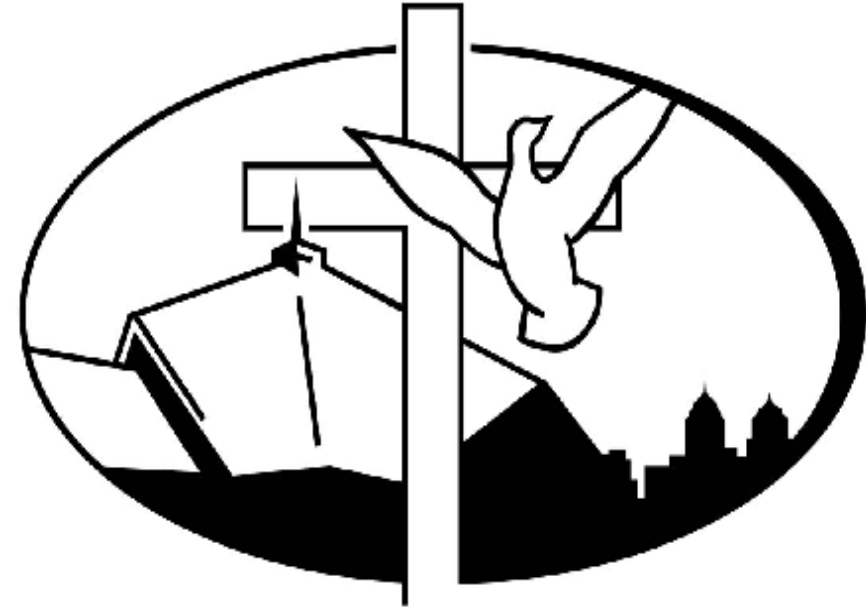
*** Urgent prayers**

+ Just added this week

MINISTRY TEAM

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

*“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.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28

THIS WEEK AT RPC

MONDAY	10:00AM – 3:00PM	Office Hours
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UPCOMING EVENTS



TODAY

Coffee Hour 10:00AM
Worldwide Communion



October 18th

Session Meeting



October 25th

Deacons Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD



November 1st

Coffee Hour 10:00AM
Daylight saving time ends
All Saint’s Day Recognition

November 8th

Veterans Recognition Day

November 14th

OCC Packing Party

November 29th

Potluck Luncheon



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TO THE PULPIT, DR. ROBERT EMBERGER. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Bob is a graduate of Cairn University, Biblical Theological Seminary, and holds a doctorate in pastoral counseling from Westminster Seminary.

Bob was the Executive Director of the Whosoever Gospel Mission from 1989-2022 and is now the Director of Advancement. This 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 to achieve productive, independent living. Bob has been married for 48 years to Marcia, who works as a registered nurse. Bob and Marcia have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. He enjoys camping, reading, stamp collecting, gardening, traveling, and pizza.

IN LOVING MEMORY. We lovingly remember Elaine Flora who passed away on January 9th 2026. She was a beloved family member, friend, and member of our church family. Her kindness, faith, and loving spirit will be deeply missed. May Elaine Flora rest in the peace and loving arms of God. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones.



DISCIPLES BASKET. We are looking ahead to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Please use the list in the narthex when you are shopping for yourself and consider picking up a few extra items for our food pantry. We are helping 3 families at this time. Your kindness and generosity is always appreciated.

IN SEARCH OF DEACONS AND ELDERS. Scripture teaches that the church should be led by elders and deacons ([Phil 1:1](#)). We are always looking for new faces to help with Sunday responsibilities. We encourage you to pray on it and let the church office know of your interest by October 11th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Don't forget! We are collecting items for our packing party in November for Operation Christmas Child. We will be a drop-off location again. A list of items needed for the packing party is on the Narthex table. Please take a copy of the list, purchase the items, and drop them in the OCC box located in the Narthex. Drop off week this year for filled shoeboxes is Nov. 16th – 23rd. Contact Susan Jorett with any questions.

OCC PACKING PARTY. We are having a packing party with all the great donations you have brought in and are continuing to bring in. Each shoebox will contain an assortment of toys, pens, pencils, socks, toothbrushes, etc.. Come out on Saturday, November 14th from 11am-1pm and help us pack shoeboxes for kids around the world. Pizza will be served at 12:00pm. Our goal this year is to pack 600 boxes. Please continue to bring in items prior to this date. You can find a complete list of items we are collecting on the table in the narthex.

