

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
November 30, 2025 11:00 A.M.

*"The church changes the world not by making converts,
but by making disciples." - John Wesley*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE 1st ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn No. 244

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Almighty God, You alone are sovereign — above all, in all, over all. And yet, how quickly we are to take credit unto ourselves for successes achieved, decisions made, ministry offered, goods shared, gifts given. Forgive us for our self-sufficiency. Remind us that any competence comes from You alone. By Your Spirit, set us free to see and to share Your glory, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”
Isaiah 40: 1-2

***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 – 5TH GRADE ARE DISMISSED TO JR. CHURCH

PRAYER OF 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:** “Joy to the World!” Hymn No. 270

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8: 18-39, page 1757

SERMON “First Sunday in Advent: Hope” Dr. Heather Rice

***HYMN:** “It Is Well with My Soul” Hymn No. 705

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 513

“Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul,
Thank You, Lord for making me whole;
Thank You Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so rich and free.”

***POSTLUDE**

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Greg Fulman, moving out of the mission while undergoing intensive chemotherapy. His cancer has spread to lymph nodes.
- Maryanne, friend of Lois Wanushek, having heart valve replacement
- Frank Flanigan, Carol Catto's cousin, breathing and lung problems.
- Baby Danny, Karen Toner's grandson, is doing well. Cast and pin removed 11/21. Danny is hesitant to walk on his leg.
- Cindy Rice, irregularities found with her heart. Cardiologist appt. 12/1.
- Steve Wermuth, Beverly Hernandez's brother, diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on his bronchial tubes pressing on his sternum. Surgery is scheduled for 12/10 at Fox Chase Cancer Center.
- Scott & Ben from Whosoever Gospel Mission, pray the Lord will work in them.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Bob Emberger – continued prayers and strength for health issues. Mobility very restricted and in quite a bit of discomfort. Scheduled for a spinal epidural on 11/24.

Joe Hauptmann – diagnosed with pulmonary embolism.

Linda Hauptmann – sciatic nerve pain in her leg.

Barbara Sollberger – in a great deal of pain.

Helen Tyler – doing physical therapy

*** Urgent prayers**

+ Just added this week

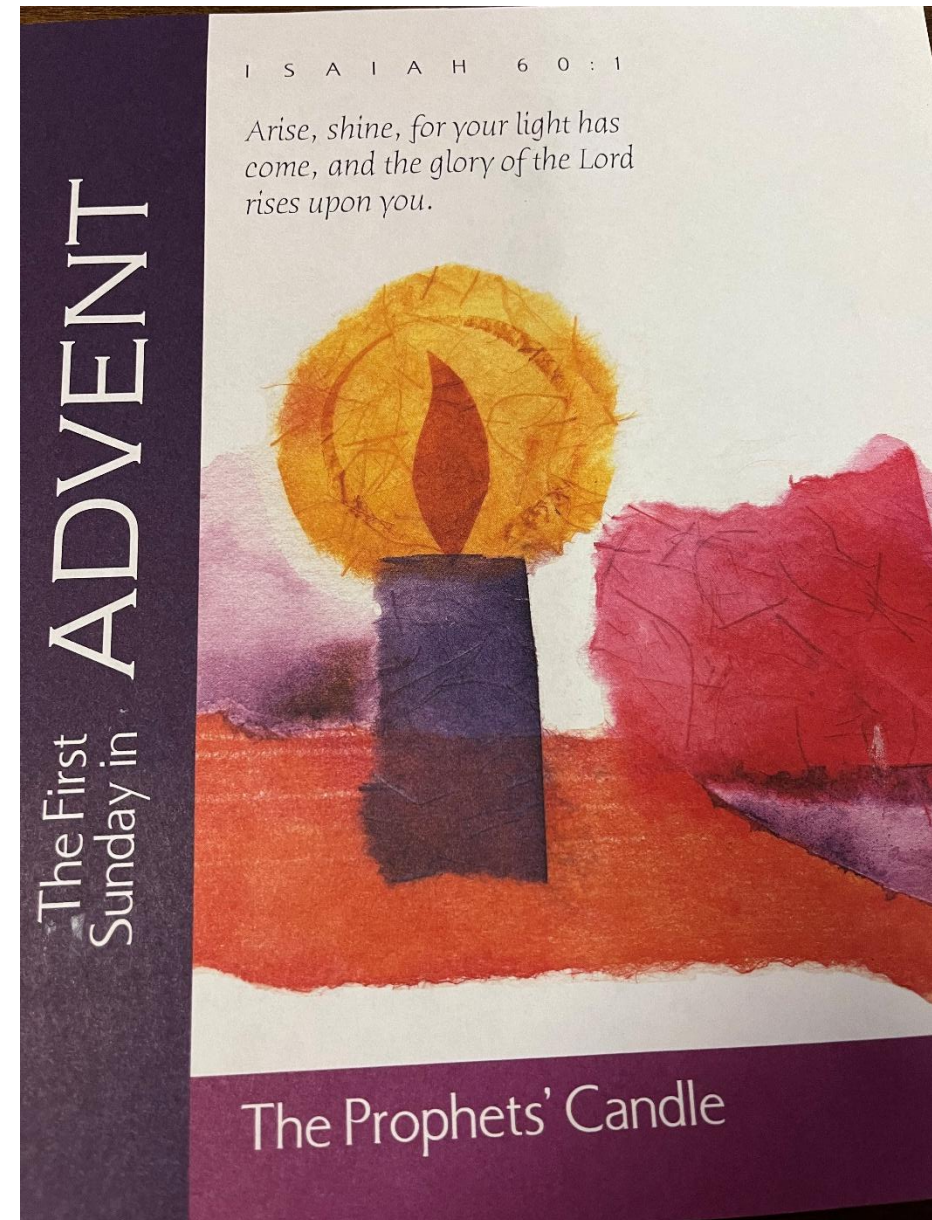
MINISTRY TEAM

Amy Ferretti, Administrative Assistant

Olena Haviuk-Sheremet, Organist

Amy Blau, Clerk of Session

Amy Ferretti, Joel Allen, Sexton



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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

	TODAY	1 st Sunday in Advent
	December 7 th	Coffee Hour
		2 nd Sunday in Advent
	December 21 st	Joint Officer’s Meeting 
	December 24 th	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00PM 

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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.



DISCIPLES BASKET. We are looking ahead to the Christmas holiday. Please use the specific Disciples Basket list when you are shopping 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.

ANGEL TREE. This year, we will continue to support the Whosoever Gospel Mission through our annual Angel Tree gifts. Please refer to the wish list that has been inserted into the bulletin for a list of gift suggestions. All donations are due back to church by **Sunday, December 14th.**



CHRISTMAS MAILBOX. Want to send your church family holiday cards? Don’t pay for postage! Use our Christmas mailboxes instead! Drop your Christmas cards in the alphabetized bins located in the Narthex and don’t forget to check for cards addressed to you. We will not be mailing any cards that are left over after the New Year.