

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
April 20, 2025 11:00 A.M.

*“Too often we forget that discipline really means to teach, not to punish.
A disciple is a student, not a recipient of behavioral consequences.”*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

OPENING PRAYER

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

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Loving God, today we celebrate the magnitude of the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And yet, we confess that on many other days, we do not live in this spirit of new life, but remain frustrated, disagreeable, and anxious. Forgive us when we find it more convenient to worry and complain rather than to participate in the joy and encouragement of renewal in Christ. Invite us back, Lord, to your calming presence. Cause us to daily seek hope, restoration, and peace. We pray this in the name of the risen Jesus. 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*

***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:** “Christ Arose” Hymn No. 357

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 1-10, 30-31, page 1685

SERMON “That you may have life” Dr. Heather Rice

***HYMN:** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Hymn No. 367

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 309

“Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.”

***POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able are asked to stand*

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Baby Daisley, born on April 1st, prayers for baby and mom, Cyndi.
- Henry Fetter, Ann Mulholland's brother, home from the hospital after falling off a ladder, has torn ligaments and muscles.
- Claire Green, friend of Rosemary Hargreaves, has heart problems, currently in rehab.
- Nancy Ostroff, friend of Nancy Salemno, has abdominal cancer, tumor is growing back.
- Khan family looking for necessary housing. Prayers for the right fit.
- Cathy Kohler (friend from Glading) – prayers for healing.
- Jane – cancer was detected early and is going through treatment.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

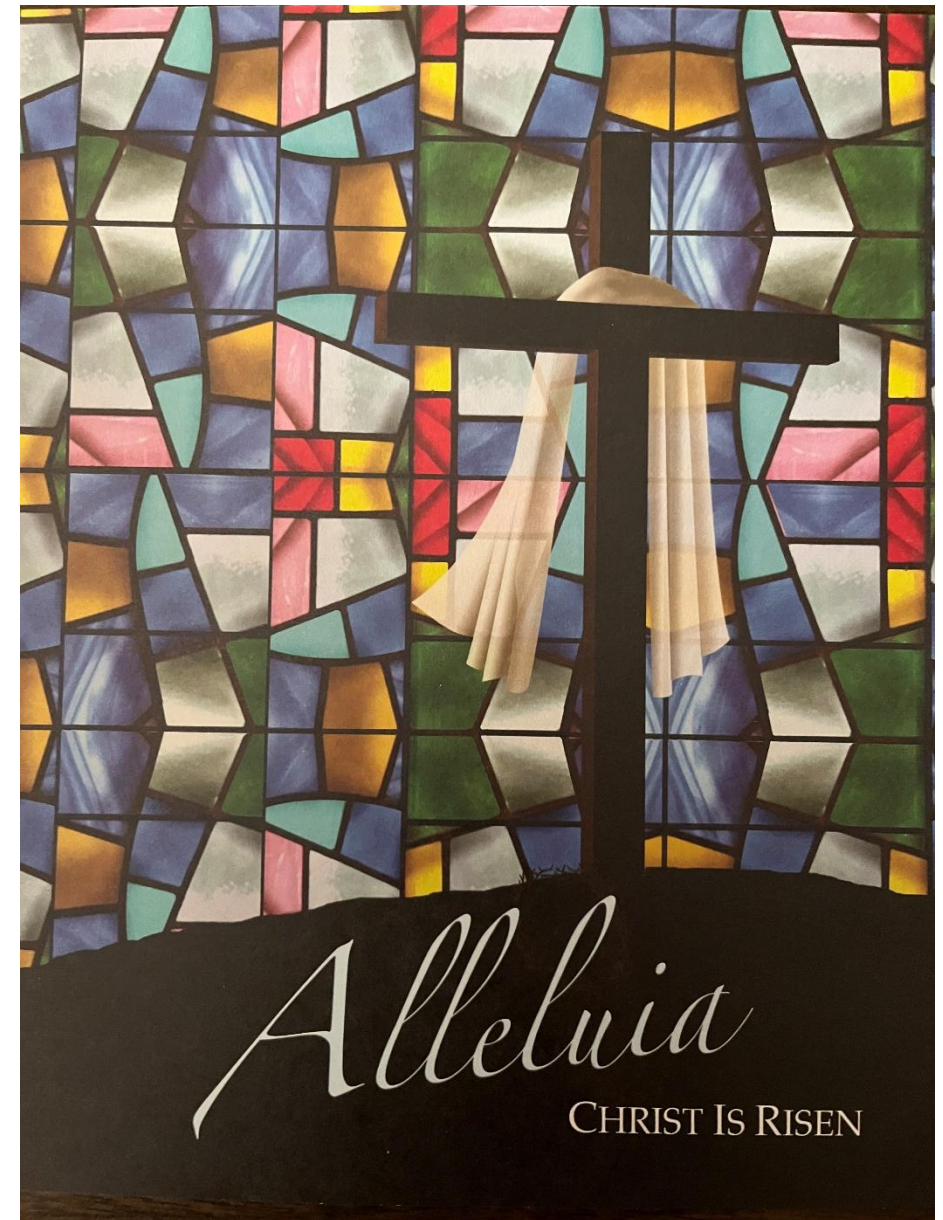
Bob Emberger – Bypass surgery successful and starting cardiac rehab.
Junior Hernandez – home from the hospital with no answers.
Susan Jorett – recovering and therapy at home.
Betsy Ulmer – home from St. Joseph Manor.
Lois Wanushek – health issues

*Urgent prayers

+Just added this week

MINISTRY TEAM

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



ELCOME 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 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day	
	April 27 th	Session Meeting Deacons Meeting
	May 4 th	Coffee Hour
	May 11 th	Mother’s 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).

IN SEARCH OF GENTLY USED OR NEW BABY ITEMS. We are collecting new and used baby items for a family in need. If you know of anyone giving away anything including but not limited to clothing, toys, bibs, furniture, necessities, etc., we will have a donation box in the Narthex for anything you can contribute. It is for a baby girl, but anything given is very much appreciated. Thank you for your help!

