

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
April 26, 2026 11:00 A.M.

"The cross proves that God prevails over evil."

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Hymn No. 21

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Heavenly Father, You knew us before we were born and created us for a purpose and relationship with You, yet we often turn away from Your goodness. You call us higher, but we hide behind excuses and listen to other influences. You offer help, and we rely on our own understanding. Forgive us, Lord. Call us again. Invite us again. Help us again. You promise that those who seek will find and those who knock will see the door opened. In Your mercy, help us step into Your purpose through Your Son, Jesus.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

“Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.” Acts 13: 38

***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 5 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:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn No. 11

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15: 11-32, page 1624

SERMON “A beautiful picture of God’s grace”
Rev. Robert Emberger

***HYMN:** “Just As I Am” Hymn No. 488

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 294

*“Liv-ing, He loved me; Dy-ing, He saved me;
Bur-ied, He car-ried my sins far a-way;
Ris-ing, He jus-ti-fied free-ly for-ev-er;
One day He’s com-ing- O glo-ri-ous day!”*

***POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able are asked to stand*

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Eliana, granddaughter of Beverly Hernandez, appointment with surgeon on 4/21 for continued leaking where feeding tube was.
- Friends and family of Mildred O'Neal. Mildred passed away peacefully on 4/17.
- Family and friends of Ted Herstein, cousin of Woody Catto.
- Jane Babb, Beverly Hernandez sister-in-law's mother, large aneurysm found in brain. Angioplasty on 5/5.
- Cindy Rice, mother of Heather Rice is in Abington Hospital after passing out a 2nd time in a few months. She is under observation. Test results are good so far.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Bob Emberger – Heart arrhythmia, has heart monitor. Continued prayers for proper treatment.
- Rosemary Hargreaves, moved to Paul's Run Rehab Center after surgery for broken femur bone. She is allowed visitors.
- Linda Hauptmann – Healing from eye surgery on 3/23. Still having sciatic nerve pain in her leg.

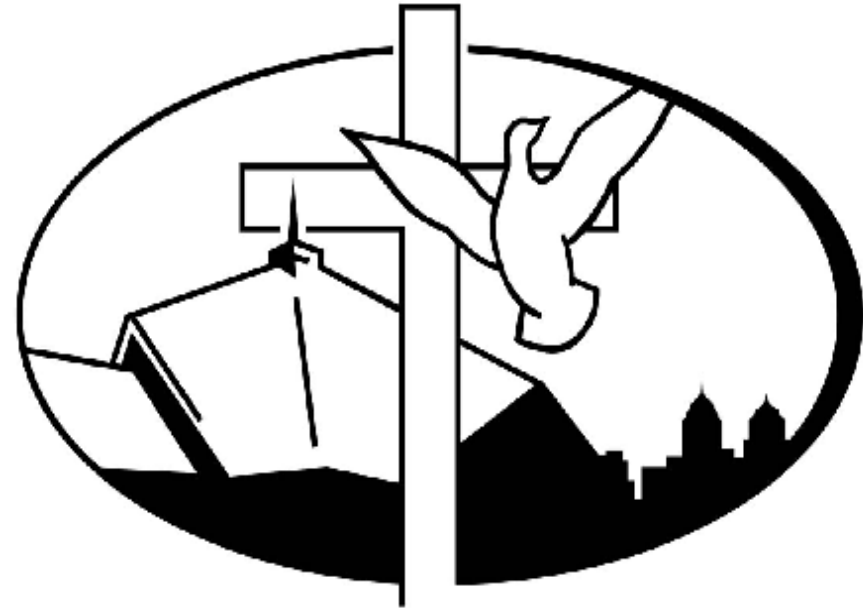
*** Urgent prayers**

+ 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

Deacons Meeting



May 3rd

Coffee Hour 10:00AM
Potluck 12:15PM

May 10th

Mother’s Day

May 19th

Primary Election Day

May 24th

Day of Pentecost
Communion



May 25th

Memorial Day



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TO THE PULPIT, DR ROBERT EMBERGER.

Bob was born and raised in Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Cairn Univ., Biblical Theological Seminary, and holds a doctorate in pastoral counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. Bob served as the Executive Director of the Whosoever Gospel Mission from 1989-2022 and is now their Director of Advancement. 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 to achieve productive, independent living. Bob has been married for 47 years to Marcia, who works as a registered nurse. Bob and Marcia have 4 adult children and 9 grandchildren. He enjoys camping, reading, stamp collecting, gardening, traveling and pizza.

BOOK CART. We have noticed a lot more damage to our Bibles and Hymnals in recent months. After speaking with the congregations who share our Sanctuary, the Session has decided to remove the books from the pews permanently. You should have received a hymnal and Bible from our NEW book cart on your way in. We ask that you return the books to the cart on your way out after the worship service. If you need help carrying the books to your seat or back to the cart, please let a Deacon in the Narthex know, so that they may assist you. We appreciate your understanding.



LUNCHEON. We will have a Gratitude Gathering Potluck Luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 3rd. If you plan to attend, please RSVP using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This will be a ‘Thanksgiving in May’ theme and the dishes are pre-set; you just need to choose one on the sign-up sheet and write your name next to it.