

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**May 17, 2026 11:00 A.M.**

*"When you turn your worries into worship,  
God will turn your battles into blessings."*

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN:** "He Is Exalted" Hymn No. 36

**\*CONFESSION**

**\*Invitation**

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

Gracious God, we promise our allegiance to You, yet our eyes wander to lifeless idols. We declare that You are on the throne, but we bow to other things. We sing of our trust in You, but we still seek to control every aspect of our lives. We know that the Christian life is a call to die to self, but we often choose comfort instead. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be both hearers and doers of Your Word. May we surrender daily to You, the author and perfecter of our faith. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**\*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.

*\*Those who are able are asked to stand*

**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 – 5<sup>TH</sup> 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:** "Near the Cross" Hymn No. 319

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 11: 1-44, page 1668

**SERMON** "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" Dr. Heather Rice

**\*HYMN:** "And Can It Be?" Hymn No. 347

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 393

*"Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am whol-ly Thine,  
Un-til this earth-ly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire di-vine."*

**\*POSTLUDE**

## NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Congratulations to Dan & Alli Toner, Karen Toner's son, on the birth of their baby girl Mollie Catherine.
- Jane Babb, large aneurysm found in brain. An angioplasty and stenting procedure were performed.
- Cindy Rice, mother of Heather Rice, was released from hospital and at home. She has chest loop to continuously monitor her heart's electrical activity. Had been experiencing episodes of passing out. No recent episodes.
- Whosoever Gospel Mission, as the parking lot is underway. Also, please pray for the purchase of the Lighthouse Thrift Shop property.



## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Steve Jorett, released from hospital on 5/6 and being treated for serious viral infection. Feeling much better. On 5/12 at follow up appointment, CBC returned normal.
- Rosemary Hargreaves, in Paul's Run Rehab Center after surgery for broken femur bone. Visitor's welcome.
- + Bob Emberger – admitted to the hospital 5/11 after his surgical follow up. Imaging being done to figure out why he can't walk post-surgery.
- + Linda Hauptmann – Fell and hit her face on glass in greenhouse. She has 2 black eyes and still having sciatic nerve pain in her leg.

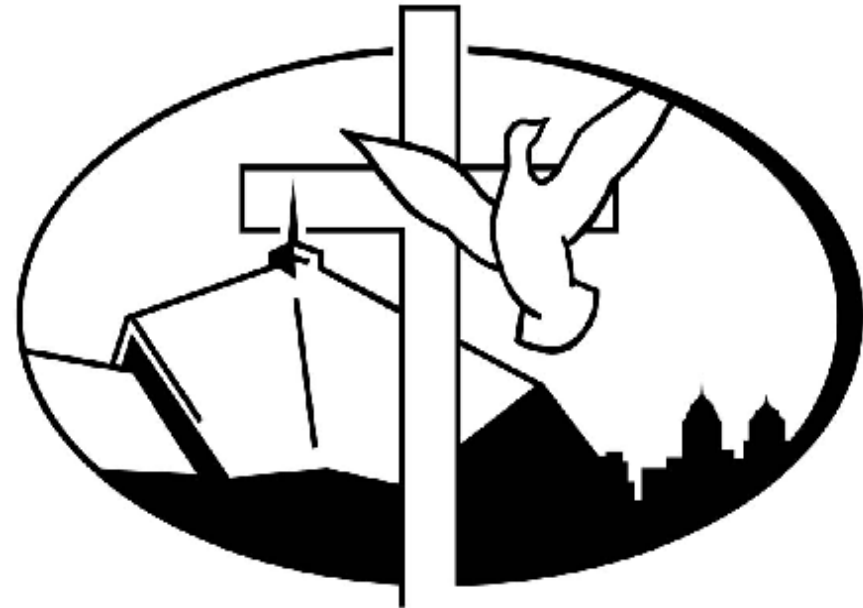
**\* Urgent prayers**

**+ 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

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| MONDAY    | 10:00AM – 3:00PM | Office Hours |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:00AM – 3:00PM | Office Hours |

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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| <b>TODAY</b>         | Session Meeting                                                          |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup> | Primary Election Day                                                     |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup> | Communion<br>Day of Pentecost<br><i>(You are encouraged to wear red)</i> |
| May 25 <sup>th</sup> | Memorial Day                                                             |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup> | Deacons Meeting                                                          |





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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.