

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
September 6, 2026 11:00 A.M.

*“And so it is with the sharing of your faith. You’re not
The light source, just the lamp-stand.
The light comes from Christ, not you.” — Anonymous*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Hymn No. 686

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Gracious God, We confess that we often seek immediate satisfaction, even when it costs us our relationship with You and with others. Too often, we are self-centered—chasing quick fixes without considering the lasting impact of our choices. Forgive us, loving God. Lead us from selfishness and brokenness into lives marked by mercy, compassion, and love. Make us useful to You and to the world around us. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.” Micah 7:18-19

***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:** “Be Thou My Vision” Hymn No. 562

SCRIPTURE READING John 12: 37-50, page 1672

SERMON “The Light in the Darkness” Dr. Heather Rice

***HYMN:** “Abide with Me” Hymn No. 642

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 92
“O how I love Je-sus!
O how I love Je-sus!
O how I love Je-sus,
Be-cause He first love me!”

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

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Prayers for Willie, brother of Junior Hernandez, who had his left leg amputated on 8/27.
- Steve, brother of Beverly Hernandez, who is battling cancer, is being tested for Parkinson's disease on 9/1.
- Cindy Rice, home from Abington Hospital after having a pacemaker implanted and chest loop removed.
- Brian Baste, son of Nancy Salemno's friend, has been admitted to Abington Hospital for spinal tap to determine why he is sick.
- Diane Olesik, had MRI on 8/23.
- Carl, brother of Liz Rozarto, continues his battle with cancer. Successful pacemaker replacement on 8/24.
- Sharon Emery's brother, recovering from pneumonia.
- John Wismer, uncle of Heather Rice, is back in the hospital with pneumonia and getting daily dialysis.
- Rev. Fred Klett, had his 2nd round of chemotherapy and seems to be improving.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Rosemary Hargreaves – recovering from broken femur.
- Bob Emberger – home from the hospital & receiving in home therapy.
- Linda Hauptmann – Pancreas health issues and possible surgery needed to remove gallbladder.

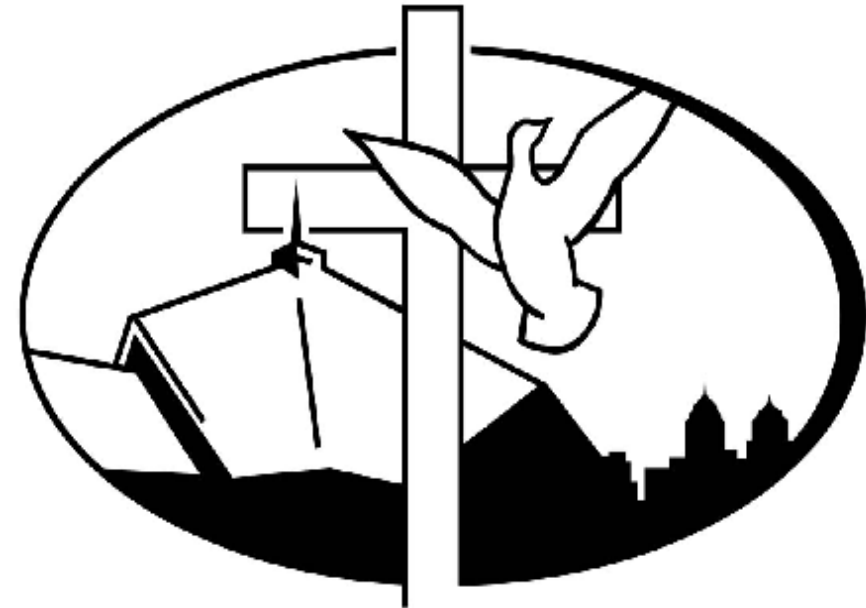
*** Urgent prayers**

+ 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
Session Meeting



September 9th

St. Williams Bingo resumes
(every 2nd & 4th Wed. 11AM in Foster Hall)

September 13th

Visit from the Gideons

September 27th

Deacons Meeting



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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

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 for OCC. A list of items needed for the packing party is on the table in the Narthex. If you can donate to this very important mission, please take a copy of the list from the table, purchase items on the list, and drop them in the OCC box located in the Narthex. Drop off week this year for filled shoeboxes is November 16th – 23rd and our packing party will be on Saturday, November 14th. Contact Susan Jorett if you have any questions. Thank you!

