

MORNING WORSHIP
April 7, 2024 11:00 A.M.

“In happy moments, praise God. In difficult moments, seek God. In quiet moments, trust God. In every moment, thank God.”
~ Rick Warren

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

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

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

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

Oh Lord, you are our Shepherd, but we find it difficult not to want more. Instead of resting in green pastures, we are rest-less. Instead of following your lead, we stir the waters. And as we walk through the valleys, our hearts are often taken with fear. But in Jesus, you offer a feast of grace, more than enough to satisfy our souls. Through Him, we count on forgiveness and look to your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives; for the same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within your people, Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature, but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of your sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”

Romans 8:9-11

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***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:** “Trust and Obey” Hymn No. 571

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1: 1-14
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SERMON “God’s Desire For Us” Dr. Heather Rice

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

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 294

“Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever;
One day He’s coming—O glorious day!”

***POSTLUDE**

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Gail Klein, friend of Linda H., passed away on 03/23.
- Dana, facing amputation of her leg and fingers.
- Lisa Hernandez and baby, during pregnancy.
- Florence, struggling with mental health issues.
- Bob Emberger – Diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Susan Joret
Kathleen McGettigan
Millie O'Neal
Bill Ray
Nancy Salemno
Pat Salemno
Bob Toner

*** Urgent Prayer needed**

+ Just added this week



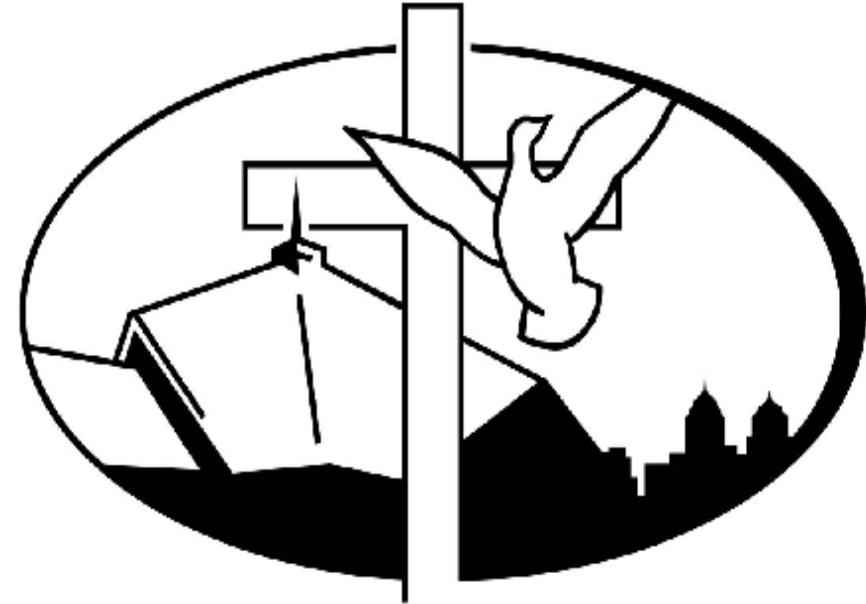
MINISTRY TEAM

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

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

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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.
 “Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and praise Your might.”
 Psalm 21:13

THIS WEEK AT RPC

TODAY	11:00 AM	WORSHIP
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS



TODAY

April 14th Worship Service
 April 21st Coffee Hour
 April 23rd Session Meeting

April 28th Election Day
 April 28th Deacon’s Meeting

May 4th Life Line Screening



May 5th Coffee Hour
 Potluck after Worship



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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. For the months of March and April we will be collecting toys and small stuffed animals. These items will change in May and June. We will continue collecting various items until November. Please drop items in the box located in the Narthex.

