

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1

George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing.

CHORAL INTROIT

Day by Day

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly.

—Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from* Psalm 36)

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

Pastor: All the people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Pastor: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

st. 5 harm. Noel Rawsthorne; desc. Jason Charneski

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Ages, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated the lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Forgive us, Loving Lord, so that we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

David N. Johnson, 1972; adapt.

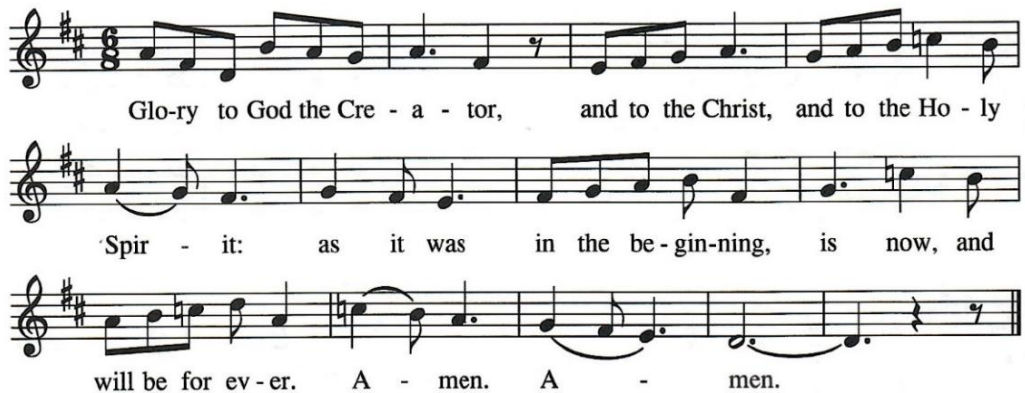
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

—Greek, 5th century; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Glo-ry to God the Cre - a - tor, and to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and
will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men.

—3rd/4th century Latin; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 5th grade are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Bob Connor, *lay reader*

(Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 171)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11
(Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 93)

SERMON

“God’s Gracious Generosity”

Dr. Miller

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*HYMN 302

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

O Waly Waly

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 (*sung by the choir*)

John Stainer (1840-1901)

REPORT OF THE CO-PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Tom Ausfahl and Megan Darrell

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Please visit ryepc.com/give/ or scan the QR Code in our announcements to give online.)

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR AND ORGAN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Welsh melody; arr. Eric H. Thiman, 1926

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render: O help us to see ‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. Amen.

—Walter C. Smith, 1867

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

The music for this setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 606.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

—Thomas Ken, 1674; alt.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH

A RITUAL OF PARTING

PRAYER

Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:

In your world, **be present, Lord.**

In this congregation, **be present, Lord.**

In this community, **be present, Lord.**

In the whole church, **be present, Lord.**

In the homes and hearts of all your people, **be present, Lord.**

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:

For work begun, but not completed, **Lord, have mercy.**

For expectations not met, **Lord, have mercy.**

For wounds not healed, **Lord, have mercy.**

For gifts not shared, **Lord, have mercy.**

For promises not kept, **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

For friendships, for joys celebrated, and for times of nurture and growth, **thanks be to God.**

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given, and promises kept, **thanks be to God.**

For our fellowship in Christ, and for the love of God which has sustained us, **thanks be to God.**

THE DISSOLUTION

Do you, the members and friends of Rye Presbyterian Church, release John Miller from service as your co-pastor? **We do, with thanks to God.**

Do you, John, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

I do, with thanks to God.

Let us pray: Loving God, Alpha and Omega, you are both beginning and end. Our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love. Whether near or far, we are held close by your love and kept safe from any lasting loss. Let our time together end with your blessing. Touch all memories with your grace and peace. Help us to live with courage and gladness in the future you present us. In every time and place, may we offer you our highest and our best, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Alleluia! Amen.**

***HYMN 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

st. 4 harm. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN (*All are invited into the chancel to listen to the postlude.*)

Sonata IV [op. 65, no. 4]: i. Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. You may go to ryepc.com/im-new/ and fill out the welcome form online.

If you or a family member need to step out of the sanctuary during worship, please feel free to do so. There is live audio from the service in the narthex at the back of sanctuary and live video in the church library.

To help children feel welcomed and engaged during worship, Rainbow Bags – filled with crayons, books, and coloring pages – are located in boxes at each sanctuary entrance door.

Please return Rainbow Bags following worship.

The sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop assistive listening system. To access the system, please switch your hearing aid setting to "T" (telephone).

The chancel flowers are dedicated to

Grace N. Feeney and Dawne B. Nolan, given by Blaire, Stewart, and Finley Feeney, in honor of Grace's first birthday and her guardian angel.

Participating in worship:

Teddy Higgins, *crucifer*

Sam Altenberger, Edward Avery, Mindy Grigg, and Becky Ruegger, *ushers*

TODAY

Coffee Hour will take place in the Assembly Room.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 20

The Church office is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 21

11:00 a.m. Stephen Leaders – Conference Room

1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library / Zoom

Wednesday, January 22

3:45 p.m. Children's Choir – Westminster Room

6:30 p.m. Joint Session / Trustees Dinner & Meeting – Assembly Room

Thursday, January 23

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

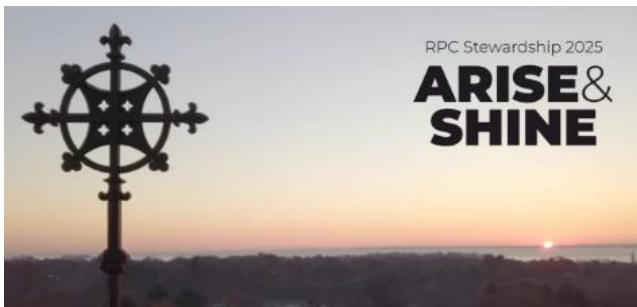
6:00 p.m. West Coast Swing Dance Class – Assembly Room

Saturday, January 25

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Library

GENERAL NOTICES

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Stewardship 2025 has begun!

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of your gifts to the mission and ministry of your church - and how together we will Arise and Shine in 2025!

You are invited to bring your pledge card to worship
on Commitment Sunday, January 26, 2025.

If you are unable to attend on Commitment Sunday, you can mail in your pledge card,
or you can make your pledge online by visiting our website: ryepc.com/stewardship-2025/.

*Didn't receive your stewardship mailing for 2025? You aren't alone.
(There were issues at the post office.)*

We'd be happy to send you another.

Please contact Peggy in the church office: pberretta@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842.

You can also make your 2025 financial commitment online: ryepc.com/stewardship-2025/.

Your Stewardship Committee:

Sarah Barringer, Dick Bott, Young Kim, Scot Stevens, Chris Winston, Dan Love, and John Miller

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 2, following 10:00 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary

A special meeting of the Rye Presbyterian Church is called by Session for Sunday, February 2, following 10:00 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the final report of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC).

—John Shuck, Clerk of Session



CHILDCARE

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for children 3 months to 3 years old while parents attend worship services. Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing. If you have any questions, please reach out to Anne Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

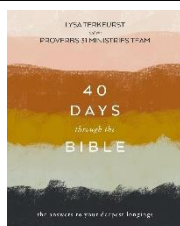


WEST COAST SWING DANCE CLASSES

Every Thursday, from 6-7 p.m., in the RPC Assembly Room
Taught by Dance Instructor Christopher Bledsoe
\$20/person/session – all levels welcome!

www.westie-night-out.com

Brought to RPC by the Fellowship and Formation Committee.
Contact Carol Love at cloveny5@gmail.com for more information.



WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Library

Please join us for our study of 40 Days Through the Bible by Lisa Terkeurst on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the library. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com.

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

7:30 - 8:30 p.m., every other Tuesday

Moms' Bible Study is a group is for moms with young children who are looking for support, encouragement, and fellowship with other moms. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:00. Please contact Madison Walsh (madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on the email list or for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study meets twice a month on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. We are reading the whole of the Bible. Our upcoming meeting dates are 1/25, 2/1, and 2/8. Please join us! For more information, please contact Cynthia Wells at cynthialwells@gmail.com.



COMING HOME IS BACK

The 2025 program will begin on Thursday, February 6. Coming Home seeks to empower those who are returning to the community from incarceration. The 18-week program offers several volunteer opportunities, including serving as mentors who are paired with participants, as well as cooks who prepare and serve the evening meal. If you are interested in serving contact Program Coordinator, Kevin Bunch, at 914-473-2221 or by email at savedmedic2001@yahoo.com; or Mission and Outreach Committee Liaison, Douglas Carey, at 914-565-6748 or by email at poningoeearthcare@gmail.com.



GIVING AT RPC

Online donation options are available through our website at ryepc.com/give/. Scan the attached QR code to access our giving page. Contact Maida Robinson at 914-967-0842 x12, or mrobinson@ryepc.com with any questions. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the church.*



JOHN MILLER'S GUEST BOOK

There's still time to sign Dr. John Miller's Guest Book!

If you didn't get a chance to sign the guest book and share your sentiments at John Miller's Retirement Party, or if you weren't able to make it to the party, John's guest book will be in the library through Sunday, January 19.

Alternatively, you can send a message using either the adjacent link or QR code by Monday, January 20, and it will be added to the guest book. You can also email Sue Parish directly at susan.parish@yahoo.com.



[Guest Book Link](#)

A REMINDER OF PRESBYTERY POLICY REGARDING FORMER PASTORS

Even as we have celebrated John's ministry among us, we prepare for a new ministry to begin.

In that light, a reminder from Presbytery:

"When a pastor resigns from a pastorate, retires from service, that minister shall no longer perform pastoral functions such as weddings, baptisms, funerals, hospital visitation, or counseling. Active or inactive church members should not request a former pastor to perform pastoral duties. If requested, the pastor shall tactfully decline. On occasion, the current pastor may, with the approval of Session, invite the former pastor to perform such duties."

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*

Anne Halloin, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

Jason Charneski, *Director of Music and Organist*

Maida Robinson, *Chief Administrative Officer*

Peggy Berretta, *Administrative Assistant*

Max Crawley, *Administrative Assistant for Communications*

Aileen Lynch, *Office Assistant*

Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*

Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*

We are a Stephen Ministry church that offers a one-on-one caring ministry to those in need. If you need assistance from your pastors, deacons, or a Stephen Minister, please call at (914) 967-0842. If you are experiencing an acute crisis, you can call or text 988 and you'll connect with a mental health professional through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Rye
Presbyterian
Church

Jazz Sunday



Raphael: *The Miraculous Draught of Fish*, for a tapestry in the Sistine Chapel, c. 1519.

offered by a quartet of instrumentalists,
under the leadership of Jeremy Fletcher,
and the RPC Chancel Choir.

A highlight will be "Drop Your Net in the Water,"
a new anthem by Dr. Fletcher.

February 9, 2025
10:00 a.m. Worship



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WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from John 2 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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S U H N F M O O R G E D I R B
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| MOTHER | JAR | GLORY |
| JESUS | DRAW | BELIEVE |
| DISCIPLES | HOURL | SIGN |
| WINE | REVEAL | GALILEE |

SOLVE the MAZE

At the wedding of Cana, Jesus' mother is looking for Jesus to help when the wine runs out. Help her find Jesus in the crowd!

