

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

How Can I Keep from Singing

Edward T. Childs (b. 1945)

### 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

*O Lord, I thank thee with all the breath, smiles, tears, of all my life, and if you choose to keep me on this earth another year, I shall but thank thee better with each passing day. In Jesus's name, Amen.*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71)

Pastor: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Pastor: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**People: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Pastor: For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

**All: My praise is continually of you. Come, let us worship the Lord! Amen.**

### ✦ HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Austrian Hymn*

### ✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in these late days of summer, we're reminded of the passing seasons and what it means to stand on the cusp of something new. We don't always find it easy to trust you during times of change. Forgive us our anxiety as we head into fall. Forgive our perfectionism. Forgive our grasping for control. Forgive the ways we blame others and fail to give the benefit of the doubt.

*Silent prayers of confession are offered.*

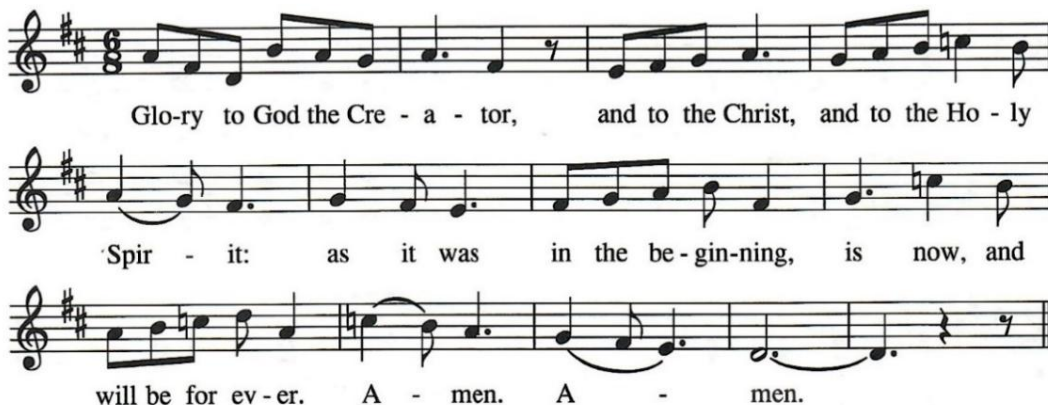
✦ *please stand as you are able*

Lord, confess that we need you. We need your peace. We need your presence. We need your help to let our “yes” be “yes” and our “no” be “no.” We need your companionship in the Holy Spirit to encourage us, care for us, and bring out the best in us. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### ✦ GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



*Latin, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> centuries; transl.*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children 3 months to 4 years old may now go to the first floor of the Education Wing for Childcare.*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Douglas Carey, *lay reader*

### EPISTLE LESSON, PART I

Hebrews 12:18-24

(Pew Bible, New Testament page 227)

*after each reading:*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE LESSON, PART II

Hebrews 12:25-29

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 227)

### SERMON

“That Which Cannot be Shaken”

Rev. Pattison

## THE RESPONSE

### ✦ HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Belhar Confession, South Africa, 1986)*

Pastor: Let us affirm our faith together:

All: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, and that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

**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.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

Please visit [ryepc.com/give](http://ryepc.com/give) to give online, detailed on the back cover. If you do not have your offering with you today, "Gift cards" are in the pews so that you may participate in this portion of worship by placing one in the offering plate.

**MUSIC FOR ORGAN**

Aubade (excerpt), op. 55, no. 19

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

*Old Hundredth*

*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**

✦ **HYMN 821**

My Life Flows On

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Trumpet Tune

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

*Coffee and refreshments will be in the Chapel Narthex following worship. All are welcome!  
(The Chapel Narthex can be found by exiting the front left doors.)*

# Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

## *General Information*

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/](http://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 the sanctuary and live video in the church library.

## *Children and 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](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com).

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.

## *Hearing Assistance*

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

## *Grace Notes Newsletter*

Pick up one of our free full-color monthly church newsletters, available at every sanctuary entrance: includes photos, updates, articles, and devotions from pastors. It is also available via email subscription, along with our website’s resources page at [ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/](http://ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/).

## *Summer Staff Notice*

Please note that Rev. Love is on vacation. He will return on Tuesday, September 2. If you have a pastoral emergency or concern during this time, please contact Rev. Cari Pattison by email at [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com), or by phone at 914-967-0842, extension 14.

Jason Charneski is on vacation. He, too, will return on Tuesday, September 2. During these weeks, we’re pleased to welcome Eric Birk as our substitute organist.

## *Participants in Today’s Service*

Edward Avery, Sarah Barringer, Nancy Heldman, and Susan Morison, *Ushers*.

## GOSPEL CHALLENGE

*Last week, as a part of her sermon, Rev. Pattison introduced the Gospel Challenge! We encourage you to walk with Jesus this fall by reading one chapter of the Gospels each day.*

This Week: Read Matthew 1-7

## TODAY

Walking Group – Slow cooker Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Rye Nature Center Entrance

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Walking Group: Moderate Mondays – Sanctuary Doors

### Tuesday, August 26

11:00 a.m. Simeon Kovacic Memorial – Sanctuary

### Wednesday, August 27

5:00 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit – Pattison Manse

## GENERAL NOTICES

# RPC FALL SPECIAL WORSHIP & PICNIC

**Sunday, September 7, 10:00 a.m.**

We will worship outside (weather permitting)  
under the tent on the Great Lawn.

Chicken and ice cream will be provided.

**If your last name begins with:**

A-J Please bring a dessert

K-R Please bring a salad

S-Z please bring a side dish

Food may be left in the kitchen before worship.



Please contact Mindy Grigg at [mindy.grigg@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.grigg@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Hosted by the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Get ready for classes to begin on September 7! Sunday school will be held on Sunday mornings during worship hour for children who are between kindergarten and fifth grade. After the children's message, children will be dismissed to their Sunday school classroom. To register your child for Sunday school for the upcoming 2025-2026 year, please visit the registration page on our website, or scan the QR Code.

[ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/](http://ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/)



# STEPHEN MINISTRY AT RPC



## **Are you going through a hard time? Or do you know someone who is?**

*"If it matters to you, it matters to God."*

It may not be a crisis, but we all go through a rough patch now and then and could use someone to talk to. Whether situational or ongoing, major or minor, your life circumstances and well-being matter. Our church offers free, one-to-one, Christ-centered care for you and your loved ones (available to those outside the church as well), by thoroughly vetted and trained Stephen Ministers. These are fellow congregants at RPC who keep strict confidentiality and meet with you to listen and pray. Reach out to Co-Pastors Cari at [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com) and Dan at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com), or Stephen Leader Referral Coordinator Becky Ruegger at [rhruegger@aol.com](mailto:rhruegger@aol.com) to find out more!

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## **CARING CONNECTIONS** **Fall 2025 Stephen Ministry Course**

Caring Connections, a Stephen Ministry-based training course, has been helping RPC members become better listeners and caregivers since 2004. This offering is open to all who wish to explore and improve their skills to lead and serve with compassion. Let us deepen our faith together as we learn how to give back!

Classes are led by our clergy and RPC Stephen Leaders. Completing these twelve sessions qualifies you to serve as a Friendly Visitor. For those wishing to go further, Caring Connections is foundational for becoming a Stephen Minister, where training and continuing education continues through January 2026, followed by monthly Supervision Meetings. To register, and to reach out for more information, contact Debbie Zingg at [debbie.zingg@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.zingg@gmail.com), or reach out to Becky Ruegger or Mary Versfelt.

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## **CARING CONNECTIONS SCHEDULE** **Meeting in the RPC Westminster Room**

Saturday, September 20, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Saturday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Saturday, November 22, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## **SING IN THE CHANCEL CHOIR**

### **Adults and High School Students**

RPC's music ministry thrives because many volunteers contribute their time and talent.

Might you have interest in singing in the Chancel Choir? If so, please read on!

The Chancel Choir sings most Sundays of the program year (mid-September through mid-June) and in services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.

The usual Sunday schedule begins with warm-up at 9:15 a.m., continues with singing in the 10:00 a.m. service, and concludes with a rehearsal following that service (11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

The ability to read music is helpful, but the main criterion is the ability to match and maintain pitch.

Section leaders (professional musicians) assist and help to inspire all singers.

High school students are encouraged to participate. For younger children, childcare is available.

September 14 is the first Sunday of the Chancel Choir's 2025-2026 program year.

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## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

### **Grade 3 – Grade 5**

We're excited to expand our renewed music ministry to children!

Children's Choir will meet on Thursdays, beginning September 18, with snack at 3:30 p.m., followed by rehearsal, in the Westminster Room, from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

While one of the goals is to have the Children's Choir sing in worship, the more important aspect is growing in and learning about faith through making music together.

Participation in Children's Choir is a great way for children to make new friends.

Assistance from parents (on a rotating basis) is an important way for children to come to know and be supported by other adults and for parents to make connections with each other.

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## **MUSIC MAKERS**

### **Kindergarten – Grade 2**

We've revamped our music ministry to those in the first years of elementary school!

Music Makers will meet on Wednesdays, beginning September 17, with a snack at 3:30 p.m., followed by an exploration of music and a Bible story, in the Westminster Room, from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Participation in Music Makers is a great way for children to make new friends.

Assistance from parents (on a rotating basis) is an important way for children to come to know and be supported by other adults and for parents to make connections with each other.

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If you or your child are interested in any of the above programs, please speak with Jason Charneski once he returns from vacation on September 2.

Call: 914-967-0842, ext. 16. Email: [jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com)



## **WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**

**Tuesdays from 1:00-2:25 p.m. in the Library, beginning September 9**

RPC Women's Discipleship Group will resume on Tuesday, September 9, from 1:00-2:25 p.m. in the RPC Library. We will continue our study of *Mostly What God Does: Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere*, by Savannah Guthrie, starting with *Part 4: Grace*.

All are welcome! Please let either Courtney Bennett ([courtneybennett910@gmail.com](mailto:courtneybennett910@gmail.com)) or Alicia Baldwin ([alicia.baldwin@verizon.net](mailto:alicia.baldwin@verizon.net)) know if we can add you to our email communication list.

## **WALK & TALK TUESDAYS**

**Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in front of the Sanctuary Doors, beginning September 9**

We continue in the spirit of our Summer Session Walking Groups with brand new Walk & Talk Tuesdays! Each walk opens with a scripture verse and simple sharing question, and we end in prayer. All are welcome, including dogs and strollers! To RSVP, or to learn more, email Cari at [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com).

## **LEVEL ONE CHAPEL YOGA**

**Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. in the Chapel, beginning September 10**

Cari Pattison is a certified yoga instructor (RYT 200), and will be offering a Level 1 Vinyasa flow class on Wednesday mornings. Weaving a bit of scripture into the basic class structure, the class will give us an opportunity to stretch and strengthen our bodies, breathe into a posture of prayer, and deepen our relationship with God.

Bring a mat if you have one; mats will also be available to borrow, along with other props. Non-church members and visitors are invited to attend as well. Suggested donation to the church: \$10/class.

To RSVP, or to learn more, email [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com). Those with limited mobility are also encouraged to reach out - to help gauge interest in a potential chair yoga class.

Pastor Cari completed her teacher training at Yoga Haven in Tuckahoe in 2010 and has taught yoga at the Andrus Center in Tuckahoe, Stone Wave in Poughkeepsie, and Euphoria Yoga in Woodstock. She believes yoga truly is for *every* body, regardless of age, size, injuries, or flexibility, and can be joyfully integrated into our spiritual practice of Christian faith.



## **CONFIRMATION**

**Orientation – Sunday, September 14, following worship, in the Crawford Chapel**

**First Class – Sunday, September 28, at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room**

*Does science fit with what is taught in church? What is God really like? If God is so good... why do bad things happen?*

This month, the Confirmation class of 2026 will begin its exploration of these questions and many more, as together we explore the bible story and the life of faith. As a ninth grader, you may not be asking these questions out loud (or at all!) - or eager to take on some extra work as high school begins. Yet the Confirmation process – no matter your decision at the end of the year - is a unique opportunity to explore the life of faith at this important point in your life journey.

To begin the year, following worship on Sunday, September 14, there will be an informational meeting for those considering Confirmation and their parents in Crawford Chapel. All ninth graders and at least one parent are encouraged to come to this brief meeting regardless of eagerness, willingness, doubts, or questions!

If you are ninth grader or have a child who is in ninth grade, and have not received information regarding Confirmation, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com). You may register for the class on the Confirmation page of the church website: [ryepc.com/ministries/confirmation/](http://ryepc.com/ministries/confirmation/).

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – WELCOME BACK BONFIRE**

**Sunday, September 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the Love Manse**

We're kicking off the new school year with a Welcome Back Bonfire. Come and get ready for a great night of games and good company – not to mention s'mores! Looking forward to seeing you then. Email Anne Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com) to RSVP and learn more.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECTION – WELCOME BACK POOL PARTY**

**Sunday, September 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Dive into the fun with our Welcome Back Pool Party! It's the perfect way for our group to cool off before the school year kicks into full gear. Don't forget your towel and sunscreen — we'll take care of the rest, including plenty of pizza and snacks! RSVP to Anne Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com) to receive the address.

## **BECOMING A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**

Interested in helping our kids grow in their faith? We're looking for a few additional Sunday School teachers and substitutes for the upcoming year. If you have a passion for sharing stories, leading crafts, or just being a positive presence, we would love to have you. Please contact Anne Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com) if you're interested in learning more about how you can make a difference.



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Glory to God the Creator

Music: Ronald A. Nelson

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Trumpet Tune

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Jeremiah 14:10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17.





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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.*



## GIVING AT RPC

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*Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the church.*

