

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Two Hymn Preludes On “Wareham”

Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)
Healy Willan (1880-1968)

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

*May there be kindness in your gaze when you look within.
May you never place walls between the light and yourself.
May you allow the wild beauty of the invisible world to gather you,
mind you, and embrace you in belonging. ~ John O'Donohue*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Thus says the LORD, the one who created you, the one who formed you:

People: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Pastor: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

People: and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

Pastor: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

People: Do not fear, for I am with you.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are not as hospitable as we could be. We have been blessed with much, but instead of sharing what we have, we often ask for more.

Silent prayers of confession are offered

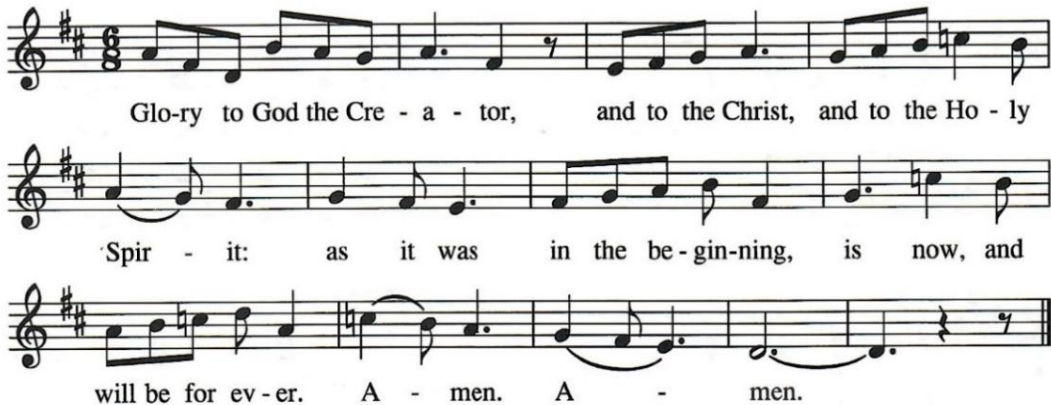
Open our hands, that we might give and receive more generously. Open our hearts to those near and far who need our help. May our congregation become a place of extravagant welcome, so that the strangers among us may leave as friends. Amen.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children between the ages of 3 months and 3 years of age may now go to the Childcare Room.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sara Nayeem, *lay reader*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-11

(Pew Bible, New Testament page 77)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-3, 16

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 277)

SERMON

"Angels in Disguise"

Anne A. Halloin

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 762

When the Poor Ones

El camino

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983)

In life and in in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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/ 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

Improptu on *Adoro te devote*, op. 109-B

Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

✦ 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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Sonata No. 4 (Op. 65): I. Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn (1808-1847)

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.)*



Today's Guest Preacher

We are delighted to welcome Anne A. Halloin to the pulpit this Sunday!

Anne A. Halloin has been serving at Rye Presbyterian Church as our Director of Children & Youth Ministries for the past year. Originally born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, she graduated from St. Olaf College in 2018 and from Harvard Divinity School in 2022. Currently she is pausing her doctoral studies at Fordham University to begin a year of inquiry toward ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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/ 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.

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/.

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, or by phone at 914-967-0842, extension 14.

Jason Charneski is on vacation. He, too, will return on Wednesday, September 3. During these weeks, we’re pleased to welcome Eric Birk as our substitute organist.

Participants in Today’s Service

Edward Avery, Sarah Barringer, Susan Morison, *Ushers*.

DEDICATIONS

The chancel flowers this Sunday are given by

Anne Halloin’s family, in honor of her first sermon at Rye Presbyterian Church.

The white rose in the lectern is in honor of the birth of

Duke Valentine Dalton, born Monday, August 11, 2025,
son of Charlotte and Beau Dalton, grandson of John and Heather Miller.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

We encourage you to walk with Jesus this fall by reading one chapter of the Gospels each day.

This Week: Read Matthew 8-14

If you're participating with us in the readings and would like to be part of a weekly email unpacking the Gospel Challenge scripture with Pastor Cari, email her at cpattison@ryepc.com.

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 1

The office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Sunday, September 7

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Orientation – Westminster Room
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Lessons Begin
- 10:00 a.m. Fall Special Worship – Great Lawn
- 11:15 a.m. Fall Picnic – Great Lawn
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Library

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 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/



STEPHEN MINISTRY AT RPC



STEPHEN MINISTRY'S 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, or reach out to Becky Ruegger or Mary Versfelt.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 3.

Call: 914-967-0842, ext. 16. Email: 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) or Alicia Baldwin (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.

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. 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. You may register for the class on the Confirmation page of the church website: 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 A. Halloin at 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 A. Halloin at 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 A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com if you're interested in learning more about how you can make a difference.



Spotlight Series

SHARED COMMUNITIES: Addressing Youth Mental Health Needs in Rye and the Sound Shore Communities

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2025
6:00 PM**

Hosted by

**Rye Presbyterian Church
Mission and Outreach
882 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580**

RSVP

**Tara Scarduzio,
Development Manager at
tscarduzio@odfmc.org or
scan the QR code below.**



Panel

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Psychotherapist
Member, RPC Mission and Outreach

Becky Ruegger, RN, MSN
RPC Stephen Ministry and
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Karen Fink, LCSW
Executive V.P. of Clinical Services
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Karen Mandel, LMSW
Sr. Director, Behavioral & Community Health
Open Door Care Network

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ives
Psychoanalyst and Scarborough
Presbyterian Church Minister

Moderator

Lindsay Farrell
President & CEO
Open Door Care Network

Join RPC Mission & Outreach, in conjunction with Open Door Family Medical Center, for an engaging panel discussion to raise awareness about the mental health concerns of youth as well as to highlight resources for low-income youth and their families in our neighboring communities. The panel will focus on the increasing demand for mental/behavioral health care and barriers to access faced by many community members; the ways in which Open Door and other community resources are identifying and responding to escalating mental health needs in our community; and how shared connections provide the safety net in our communities. RSVP by Oct 3, 2025 to Tara Scarduzio, Development Manager, at tscarduzio@odfmc.org, or scan QR code above.



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*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.*



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ryepc.com/give/, and through the QR code.

Contact Maida Robinson at mrobinson@ryepc.com with any questions.

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