

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Suite Gothique [op. 28]: iii. Prière

Mr. Neves

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this day,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.*

*Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake. Amen.*

-adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

Lowell Mason, 1830

Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peoples; new by your song as new honors you pay.

Sing of his majesty, praise him forever, show his salvation from day to day.

-Psalm 96:1-2, para.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: I will enter God's gates with thanksgiving in my heart;

People: I will enter his courts with praise.

Pastor: I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;

People: I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

All: Let us rejoice in our God of grace and glory. Come, let us worship together!

✦ HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ *please stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you alone fully see us and know us and understand where we struggle. Your word reminds us we cannot serve both God and earthly wealth. Jesus says we can worship only one master, and that our possessions and property can distract us from you. At times we find ourselves thinking about what we can acquire, rather than what you require. Forgive us, Lord.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Realign our priorities, God. Keep us faithful in the little things. Center our hearts on you and increase in us a generosity of spirit and purse, that where our treasure is, there may our hearts be also. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

-Greek, 5th/6th centuries

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Hear the good news: who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: the old has gone and the new has come. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

✦ 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.

Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 5th grade may now go to their Sunday School classes.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Connor, *lay reader*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7
(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 208)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13
(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 79)

SERMON

“Whom Will You Serve?”

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 725

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Scots Confession*, 1560)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

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*)

Roland Carter (b. 1942)

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.

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake

John Hilton (c. 1560-1608)

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sin to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with an upright heart before thee now and evermore.

*-from Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations,
J. Bull, 1568*

✦ **DOXOLOGY** (*Hymn 606*)

Old Hundredth

**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 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Mr. Neves
J. Bert Carlson (1937-2017)

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

*Coffee and refreshments will be in the Assembly Room following worship. All are welcome!
(The Assembly Room can be found by exiting the front right doors, then turning left.)*

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. To learn more about the ongoing life of the church, please 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 A. 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/.

Participants in Today's Service

Carl Friedrich, Connie McBroom, Julianne Laverty, and Joe Montalto, Ushers.

DEDICATIONS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.

In Memoria

Lois Jackman Howland, mother of Jim Howland, August 23, 2025

Kent F. Warner, September 17, 2025

TODAY

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

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 22

9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study – Zoom

Tuesday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Walk & Talk Tuesdays – Sanctuary Doors

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

6:30 p.m. Caring Connections – Westminster Room

7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Library/Zoom

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

7:30 p.m. Session Meeting – Westminster Room

Thursday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Grades 3-5) – Westminster Room

Saturday September 27

10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Dinner at Noon – Carver Center, meet at RPC

Sunday, September 28

3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals – Great Lawn

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Assembly Room

6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner – Assembly Room

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

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

This Week: Read Mark 1-7

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

GENERAL NOTICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday school for children age 4 through 5th grade will be held on Sunday mornings during worship. To register your child, please visit the registration page on our website, or scan the QR Code. ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbringing." – Romans 14:19

On World Communion Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. The pursuit of peace in the name of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. Each year we receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday. This is why we give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace. We retain 25% of the offering from our congregation to support local concerns that are important in our community. Another 25% is used by the Hudson River Presbytery to support the peacemaking efforts with our neighboring congregations. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

Give Online: ryepc.com/article/peace-global-witness-offering/



THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information on donations, please check the church website.

You can also email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

SATURDAY THRIFT SALE

October 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP: DINNER AT NOON

Saturday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the Carver Center in Port Chester, meeting at RPC

Join us for this exciting volunteer opportunity! We'll be preparing and serving food to about 50 community members, and we'll conclude with a kitchen cleanup. If you're interested, RSVP to Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com. We hope to see you there!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, September 28, 3:00 p.m., on the Great Lawn



We not only welcome your loving pets, but your beloved stuffed animals as well! We hope you and your furry friends will join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals celebration. A special offering will benefit our local Pet Rescue. Visit their website at ny-petrescue.org.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays from 1:00-2:25 p.m. in the Library

RPC Women's Discipleship Group 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 so 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

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 a 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

CHAPEL YOGA

Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. in the Chapel

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 at the Andrus Center in Tuckahoe, Stone Wave in Poughkeepsie, and Euphoria Yoga in Woodstock. She believes yoga is for *every* body, regardless of age, size, injuries, or flexibility, and can be joyfully integrated into our spiritual practice of Christian faith.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Grade 3 – Grade 5

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

Children's Choir meets on Thursdays, 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 meets on Wednesdays (not on Sept. 24), 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.

Call: 914-967-0842, ext. 16. Email: jcharneski@ryepc.com

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

CRAWFORD CHAPEL ✦ FALL 2025

OCTOBER 5, AT 6:30 P.M.

Evening Prayer, with a professional choral quartet



NOVEMBER 16, AT 6:30 P.M.

A Service of Contemplative Prayer



DECEMBER 21, AT 7:00 P.M.

Hope and Healing on the Longest Night of the Year

These monthly services, each approximately 40 minutes in duration, provide an opportunity to worship at the close of the day.

The intimacy of the chapel, coupled with its warm acoustics and decorative flexibility, enables clarity and resonance in the sung and spoken word.

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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

Kim O'Connor, LCSW-R
Psychotherapist
Member, RPC Mission and Outreach

Becky Ruegger, RN, MSN
RPC Stephen Ministry and
Community Advocate

Karen Fink, LCSW
Executive V.P. of Clinical Services
Family Services of Westchester

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 October 3, 2025 to Tara Scarduzio, Development Manager, at tscarduzio@odfmc.org, or scan QR code above.**

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 continue 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.

ROOTS OF FAITH INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY

Community Synagogue of Rye, 200 Forest Avenue, Rye, NY 10580

Meeting on the following Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in 2025:

10/16, 10/30, 11/6, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, at the Synagogue

This class will be given by Rabbi Gropper & The Rev. Matt Stone of Christ's Church Rye.

This year's focus is "Finding Justice and Faith in the Words of the Minor Prophets".



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Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

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Kyrie eleison

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I'm Gonna Live [I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me]

Music arr. Wendell P. Whalum

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Postlude on *Cwm Rhondda*

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*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.*



GIVING AT RPC

Online donation options are available on our giving page,

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

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

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

