

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Praeludium in G Minor

Mr. Neves

Franz Tunder (1614-1667)

### 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 of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.  
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### CHORAL INTROIT

Sovereign and Transforming Grace

Jane Marshall, 1992

Sovereign and transforming Grace, we invoke your quickening power;  
Reign the spirit of this place, bless the purpose of this hour.

*-Frederick H. Hedge; 1829; alt.*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 98)*

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,

**People: for God has done marvelous things.**

**All: With all creation, let us worship God!**

### ✦ HYMN 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Engelberg

### ✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ *please stand as you are able*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient people of faith and faithfulness. We rely first on earthly powers and our own resources. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have not sung with joy or lived with the hope of a new heaven and a new earth.

*Silent prayers of confession are offered.*

Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful and hope-filled disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

Richard Warner (1908-1983)

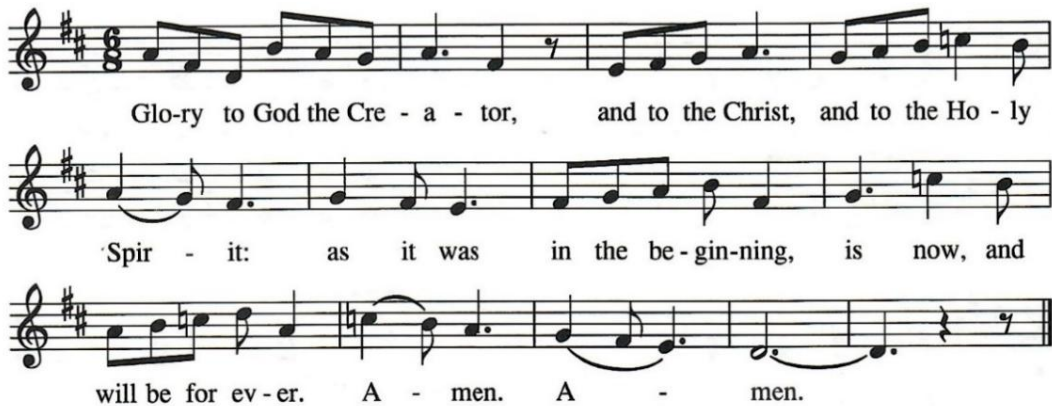
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*-Greek, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> centuries; transl.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



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

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Joining by Letter of Transfer*

Erin Seter

*Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith*

Sally Adler

Caroline and Tom Anderau

Tess Rafferty

Mary Catherine and Chris Rich

Aubrey and Brian Smith

Chris Seter

Cooper Vanneck

*Joining by Profession of Faith*

Kenny Sheresky

Elder: By publicly professing their faith, these new members have expressed their intention to enter and continue in the covenant God makes with them in their baptism.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

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

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann McNeel, *lay reader*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25  
(Pew Bible, page 696)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:5-19  
(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 85)

SERMON

"Alignment Check"

Rev. Love

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God and we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

✦ HYMN 373

O Day of Peace

*Jerusalem*

## 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)

## 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.

## ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

Soon I Will Be Done

Spiritual, arr. William L. Dawson, 1934

Soon I will be done with the troubles of the world, going home to live with God.

I want to meet my mother, I'm going to live with God.

No more weeping and wailing... I want to meet my Jesus...

✦ **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** (*back page*)

For the Healing of the Nations

*Regent Square*

✦ **BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

*Following the Congregational Meeting, all are invited to the Assembly Room for Coffee Hour.  
(The Assembly Room can be found by exiting the front right doors.)*

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## *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/](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 A. 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 full-color monthly church newsletters, available at every sanctuary entrance: includes photos, updates, articles, and devotions from pastors. It is also available digitally through email, along with our website's resources page at [ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/](http://ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/).

### Participants in Today's Service

Blakely Clair, *Crucifer*

Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson, Julianne Kizer, and Susan Morison, *Ushers*

## DEDICATIONS

*The chancel flowers are given by*  
the volunteers of the RPC Woman's Association Thrift Shop in tribute to  
the memory of Susanne Davies' beloved mother Rose Burbank, who passed on October 24.

## TODAY

Congregational Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Sunday School Teachers Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel  
Confirmation, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room  
High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Kitchen/Westminster Room  
Evening Service, 6:30 p.m., Chapel  
Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library/Zoom

## THIS WEEK

### **Monday, November 17**

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

### **Tuesday, November 18**

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11:00 a.m. Stephen Leaders – Conference Room  
1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library/Zoom  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Westminster Room  
7:30 p.m. Trustees – Library/Zoom

### **Wednesday, November 19**

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10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel  
3:45 p.m. Pageant Christmas Carols Rehearsal – Westminster Room  
4:15 p.m. Christmas Pageant Auditions – Westminster Room  
5:30 p.m. Middle School Connection – Youth Rooms  
7:30 p.m. Session – Westminster/Zoom

### **Thursday, November 20**

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10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop  
7:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting – Westminster Room

### **Sunday, November 23**

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8:45 a.m. Moms' Bible Study – Conference Room  
11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel  
3:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Westminster Room

## GOSPEL CHALLENGE

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

This Week: Read John 17-21

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](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com).

## GENERAL NOTICES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School for children age 4 through 5th grade is held 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/](http://ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/)



### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER & EVENING SERVICE

**Tonight, November 16, 6:00 p.m., in the Kitchen and Westminster Room**

Tonight, following Confirmation, we'll convene for a quick dinner to which all youth are welcome. Afterwards, we'll head to the Crawford Chapel for evening worship: A Service of Contemplative Prayer.

### CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT & EVENING SERVICE

**Tonight, November 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the Library**

We are offering activities in the Library for children while parents attend the evening contemplative worship service.

### GREENING OF THE KIRK

**Wednesday, December 3, at 8:30 a.m.**

It's almost that time when RPC's elves gather together to decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays.

You can look forward to food and drink, music, and lots of merriment.

Please contact Ashley Ginnings at [ashleytginnings@gmail.com](mailto:ashleytginnings@gmail.com) if we can count on you this year!

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Sunday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for carols around the tree to welcome the Christmas season!

We'll begin our festivities on the front lawn, followed by desserts at the 890 Manse.

# SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

## CRAWFORD CHAPEL ✦ FALL 2025

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RPC's Crawford Chapel is adjacent to the Sanctuary

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**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

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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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Activities will be available for children up through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade in the Westminster Room





Please join the Clergy of Rye for the

# Rye Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

sponsored by the Rye Women's Interfaith Committee

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

**3:00 pm**

Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Road, Rye

**Guest Speaker: Reverend Matt Stone**  
**Christ's Church Rye**

Reception to follow hosted by the Rye Women's Interfaith Committee



**Christ's  
Church**  
Rye, New York



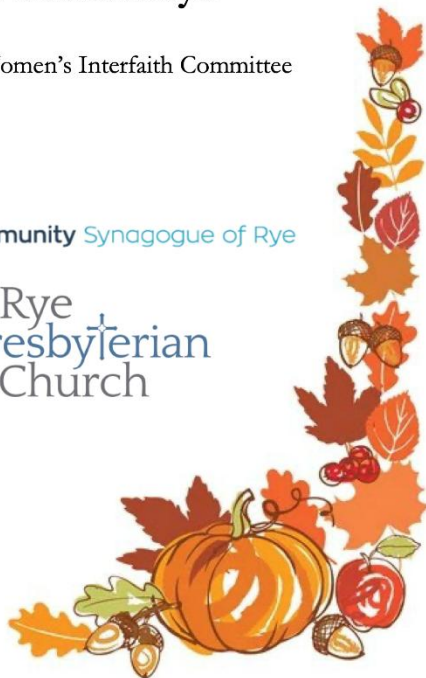
**CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION**



**Community Synagogue of Rye**

Rye  
**Presbyterian  
Church**

Non-perishable food and monetary donations  
will be collected for Meals on Main Street.  
Suggested donations include checks, canned soups,  
and shelf-stable milk. Donations may also be made  
on their website [mealsonmainst.org](http://mealsonmainst.org) or by mail to:  
P.O. Box 682, Port Chester, NY 10573





**END-OF-YEAR GIVING**  
**Due by Wednesday, December 31, at 12:00 p.m.**



**Your Charitable Deduction**

As 2025 comes to an end, please keep in mind the church financial records will close on Wednesday, December 31, at noon. All checks must be received by December 31 to qualify for a charitable deduction in the 2025 tax year. As you make your year-end gifts to the church, please note the purpose in the memo line or on the envelope—Annual Giving or Christmas Joy Offering. Separate checks for gifts are appreciated.

**Pledge Balance**

If you would like to check your annual giving balance online through Access ACS, visit our website:

[ryepc.com/about-rpc/member-login/](https://ryepc.com/about-rpc/member-login/)

**Donating Stock**

If you're interested in donating stock to RPC, please visit our giving page:

[ryepc.com/give/](https://ryepc.com/give/)

**RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Sunday, December 21, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Assembly Room**

**Christmas Pageant Sign-Up**

[ryepc.com/ministries/christmas-pageant/](https://ryepc.com/ministries/christmas-pageant/)



Through carols and costumes, we will be sharing the Christmas story with our congregation. Children ages 5 through 6th grade are welcome to join us for the annual Christmas Pageant. Sign up on our website! All children who can attend rehearsals are guaranteed a part. No need to audition! Rehearsals are on December 3, 10, and 17, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room, along with a Dress Rehearsal & Pizza Party on December 20, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Christmas Pageant Speaking Role Auditions**

[Christmas Pageant Speaking Role Audition Sign-Up](#)



Auditions for the speaking roles will be held on this coming **Wednesday, November 19**, from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room. These roles include the Angel Gabriel, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, the Innkeeper, the Innkeeper's Wife, the Angel of the Lord, four Shepherds, three Magi, and the Narrator. If you are interested in one or more of these speaking roles, please sign up via SignUpGenius for a 10-minute audition slot.

**Christmas Pageant Volunteers**

[Christmas Pageant Volunteer Sign-Up](#)



Volunteers will help us organize our young performers and keep everything running smoothly – from rehearsing their lines with them, making sure everyone has the right costumes, and assisting the choir director. Middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults are all welcome to volunteer and help with this year's Christmas Pageant. For more information, and to schedule volunteering hours, please visit our SignUpGenius.

## **MOMS' BIBLE STUDY**

**Sundays, from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m., in the Conference Room**

This group is for moms with young children who are looking for support, encouragement, and fellowship with other moms. We meet every Sunday, barring holidays. Childcare is available! If you'd like to be on the email list, or to learn more, please contact Madison Walsh at [madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com).

## **WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**

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

Please join us in the RPC library on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:25 for book study and discipleship. Feel free to jump in anytime! We're reading *Life Lessons from John: When God Became Man*, by Max Lucado.

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 so we can add you to our email list.

## **CHAPEL YOGA**

**Wednesdays, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel**

Cari Pattison is a certified yoga instructor (RYT 200), and is offering a Level 1 Vinyasa flow class on Wednesday mornings. Weaving a bit of scripture into the basic class structure, the class gives 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 are also available to borrow, along with other props. All are welcome, including beginners! To RSVP, or to learn more, email [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com).

## **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](mailto:RyeThrift10580@gmail.com).



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# For the Healing of the Nations

*Regent Square*

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with one ac - cord,  
2 Lead your peo - ple in - to free - dom. From de - spair your world re - lease,  
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the earth be banned:  
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on hu - man - kind.

for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords.  
that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.  
pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.  
For our grow - ing in your like - ness, bring the life of Christ to mind,

To a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
Show us how, through care and good - ness, fear will die and hope in - crease.  
In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
that by our re - sponse and serv - ice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four systems, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the next four lines. The fourth system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody, with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staff, with line numbers 1 through 4 at the beginning of each line.

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Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867

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and you'll connect with a mental health professional through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.*



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Contact Maida Robinson at [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com) with any questions.

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

