

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Prelude on *Stuttgart*

Mr. Neves

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*The tune upon which this setting is based is that to which we will sing
the response at the conclusion of the Sacrament of Baptism.*

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

"I have come to define prayer as listening ...to the one who calls you the Beloved."

Jesus, you are the Beloved. Jesus, I am the Beloved. Jesus, we are all the Beloved.

—Henri Nouwen

CHORAL INTROIT

O Light of Nations, Fill the Earth

Lee H. Bristol, 1962

O Light of Nations, fill the earth; our faith and hope and love renew.

Come, lead the peoples to your peace, as stars once led the way to you.

—Ruth Duck, 1989

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

People: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness.

All: **May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless the people
with peace! Come, let us worship the Lord.**

❖ HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ please stand as you are able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, in your baptism you show us what it means to begin anew, to be blessed, and to belong. In our own baptisms we also receive forgiveness: past, present, and future. Yet you still call us to admit our wrongs, turn in a new direction, and find fresh purpose in you.

Forgive us, we pray, for making light of our own sins while magnifying the sins of others. Forgive us, we pray, for the ways we can sink into shame and self-loathing, holding ourselves up to an unholy perfection. We need you, God.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

In your mercy, free us from the bondage of self, cleanse us from sin, and fill us once again with your Spirit. Forgiven and renewed, may we walk in the light of knowing you call us your beloved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung by the choir)

plainsong; arr. Janet Hall (1923-2004)

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*

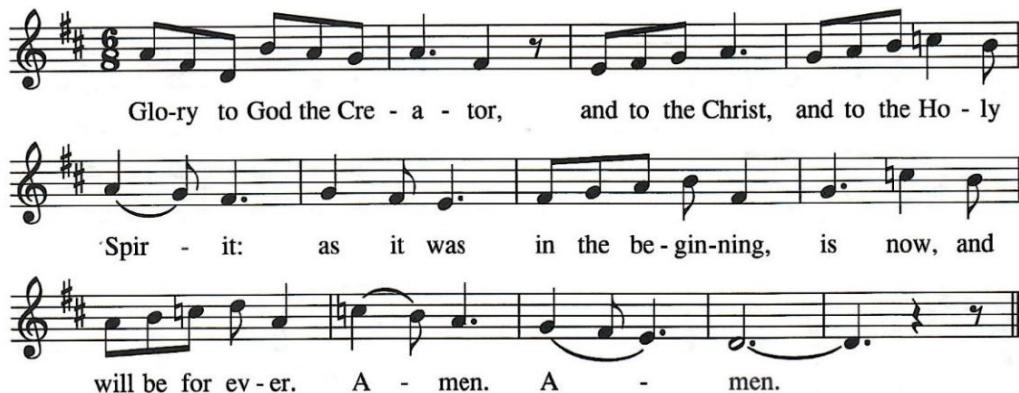
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-5th/6th century Greek

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CONNOR ANDERAU, ANGUS LEE, AND EMMA ELIZABETH RICH (Please refrain from taking photographs until after the service is complete.)

STATEMENT ON BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTIONS TO THE GODPARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Deacon: Do you, on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Connor, Angus, and Emma by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (*congregation standing*)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, almighty God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness, you give us the sign of water.

People: **At the beginning, your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water, you nourish and sustain all living things.**

Pastor: In the time of Noah, you cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire, you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

People: **In the waters of the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.**

Pastor: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: **We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Connor, Angus, and Emma, that they may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

People: To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISMS

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Deacon: Receive the light of Christ; you have passed from darkness into light.

People: You have been enlightened with Christ; walk always as children of the light.

RESPONSE (sung by all)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Stuttgart

Children ages 4 through 5th grade may go to Sunday School during the singing of this hymn.

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bear's Christ's name.**

-Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathryn Stack, *lay reader*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

(Pew Bible, page 670)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 3)

SERMON

"The Voice of the Beloved"

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

HYMN 164

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

West Main

Stanza 1: Choir only; Stanzas 2-3: All

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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Young Kim

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Please visit ryepc.com/give/ or scan the QR Code on the back cover to give online.)

CANTICLE FOR CHOIR AND ORGAN

Nunc Dimittis in C [op. 115, no. 2]

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

-Luke 2:29-32 and the Gloria Patri

This text, known also as the Song of Simeon, complements today's scripture lessons in terms of Jesus being revealed as the Son of God. Note particularly Isaiah 42:6: "...a light to the nations"

❖ 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

❖ BENEDICTION

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

Mr. Neves

A solis ortus: i. Plein Jeu; iv. Point d'orgue sur les grand jeux Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

These two movements come from an arrangement of plainsong melodies associated with one of the early hymns of the church: A solis ortus. An English translation is "From the pivot of the sun;" meaning, at the time of the winter solstice, when the amount of daylight turns from decrease to increase. The movement titles are indications to the organist about which stops to use.

*Coffee Hour will be held in the Assembly Room following worship.
(The Assembly Room can be found by exiting the front right 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. 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 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.

Participants in Worship

Aidan Fletcher, *crucifer*

Margaret Blum, Connie McBroom, Elizabeth Parks, and Terence Stack, *ushers*

Baptisms

The sacrament of the baptism is administered today to:

Connor Anderau, son of Caroline and Tom Anderau

Angus Lee, son of Katie and Parker Lee

Emma Elizabeth Rich, daughter of Mary Catherine and Chris Rich

DEDICATION

In Memoriam

John Cunningham, January 6, 2026

TODAY

Rye YMCA Community Update on All Souls, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel
Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room
High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms
Sunday Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m., Chapel
Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Westminster Room

Wednesday, January 14

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

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

Thursday, January 15

9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders – Library

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

7:30 p.m. Worship and Music Committee – Westminster Room

Sunday, January 18

8:45 a.m. Moms' Bible Study – Conference Room

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up – Sanctuary

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

GENERAL NOTICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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/



RYE YMCA COMMUNITY UPDATE ON THE ALL SOULS PROJECT Today, January 11, following worship, in the Westminster Room

Rye YMCA CEO Sabrina Murphy will share the Y's plans for a full-day, licensed child care center at the former All Souls Church in Port Chester. Previously owned by Rye Presbyterian Church, the All Souls building was sold to the Rye Y in July of 2025 after extensive talks around our mutual goal of providing affordable child care in Port Chester, a child care desert. The Rye Y is a highly-regarded provider of child care programs and has developed plans to fully renovate the building to serve up to 103 infants and young children. Join us to learn more about this exciting project!

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

CRAWFORD CHAPEL

RPC's Crawford Chapel is adjacent to the Sanctuary



JANUARY 11, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.
Evening Prayer and Baptism Renewal



MARCH 1, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.
Evening Prayer for Lent

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.

Activities will be available for children up through 3rd Grade in the Library



ONLY THE BEGINNING

Rye Presbyterian Church 2026 Annual Giving Campaign

COMMITMENT SUNDAY – JANUARY 25

Thank you for your commitment to be a part of this new chapter in the community, mission, and ministry of Rye Presbyterian Church!

Pledge cards are arriving in the mail shortly!
Additionally, blank pledge cards can be found in the Sanctuary pews.

Pledge cards can be mailed or delivered directly to the church office.
Alternatively, you can pledge online at ryepc.com/stewardship-2026/.

Your Stewardship Committee:

Sarah Barringer, Young Kim, Dan Love, Cari Pattison, Scot Stevens, Chris Winston, and Avery Woods

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER

Upcoming Dinners on Sundays, January 11 and 25, at 6:00 p.m., in the Youth Rooms

Join us for our upcoming Sunday evening pizza dinners! We'll be hosting dinners for our High School Youth Group twice a month, with tonight's dinner leading directly into Evening Worship. If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com. We hope to see you there!

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Sunday Morning, January 25

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Upcoming Meetings on Mondays, January 12 and 26, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

A new year is upon us, and we are newly into the Gospel of Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount – Jesus' keynote address. All are welcome to join this weekly discussion. If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.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) or Alicia Baldwin (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. We kindly request that you come five minutes early to set up your mat.

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.

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. 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.

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Upcoming Meetings on Sundays, January 11 and 25, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

We invite you to join and participate in our ongoing fellowship and conversation. We are wrapping up our work through the stories of Genesis, and planning our next move. To learn more, and to be on the email reminder list, contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

COMING HOME 2026

Orientation Session on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m., in the Library

Coming Home is an expression of our long-standing Prison Ministry at Rye Presbyterian Church. We seek to empower those who are returning to the community following incarceration.

Congregants can serve as dinner cooks and hosts, volunteer as mentors, or join in our weekly Thursday night dinners in the Westminster Room - making a real difference in the lives of formerly incarcerated persons. If you wish to learn more about how you can participate in the Coming Home experience, we encourage you to come to our orientation session Tuesday, January 27. Coming Home begins in earnest on Thursday evening, February 12, and will conclude with graduation on Sunday, June 7.

For more information, or to better understand the philosophy of this ministry, please contact our RPC Coming Home Liaison and Dinner Coordinator Douglas Carey, or Pastor Cari Pattison, Minister Liaison to Mission and Outreach. You may reach out to Doug via email at poningoearthcare@gmail.com, or by phone at 914-565-6748. Cari may be reached at cpattison@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842 x14.



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