

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Petit Canon

Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)

As Jesus called his disciples – his followers – to “Come and see,” a canon in music has a leader (a motif) and one or more followers (the same motif, delayed by a time value.) As the canonic voice imitates its leader, so, too, are we called to be imitators of Jesus.

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 God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise,
to abide in you is to stand fast forever.*

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: To all searching for grace and truth,

People: Come and see!

Pastor: To all searching for meaning and purpose,

People: Come and see!

Pastor: To all searching for abundant life,

People: Come and see what God has done!

Pastor: Let us worship God!

❖HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

❖PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Merciful God, we confess that we have been hesitant to accept your invitation to come and see what you are doing in this world, and to follow wherever you lead us. Forgive us for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate. Forgive us for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from your children in need.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung by the choir)

plainsong; arr. Janet Hall (1923-2004)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

-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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann McNeil, *lay reader*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(Pew Bible, New Testament page 165)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:29-42

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 92)

SERMON

“Stay or Leave”

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

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; 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 720

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

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/ or scan the QR Code on the back cover to give online.)

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR AND ORGAN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives, thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1887

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease:
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

-John G. Whittier, 1872

❖ 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 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

❖ BENEDICTION

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

Fugue in C Major ("Gigue") [BuxWV 174] Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

*Fugues certainly are canonic, as motifs (subject and countersubject) follow one another.
Dance with this one!*

COFFEE HOUR

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

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Sally Adler, Sam Altenberger, Edward Avery Jr., and Tess Rafferty, *ushers*

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 – Grade 5)

Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings during worship in the Education Wing. If you have any questions, or if you would like to register your child for Sunday School, please reach out to Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

CHILDCARE (3 Months Old – 3 Years Old)

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for young children while parents attend worship. 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.

RAINBOW BAGS

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/.

DEDICATION

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John Cunningham by his family.

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 19

The church office is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 20

- 1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library/Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Westminster Room

Wednesday, January 21

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel
- 4:15 p.m. Winter Sing – Grades K-5 – Westminster Room
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Connection – Youth Rooms

Thursday, January 22

- 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

Sunday, January 25

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Westminster Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Dinner – Youth Rooms
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

To learn more, visit ryepc.com/about-rpc/events/

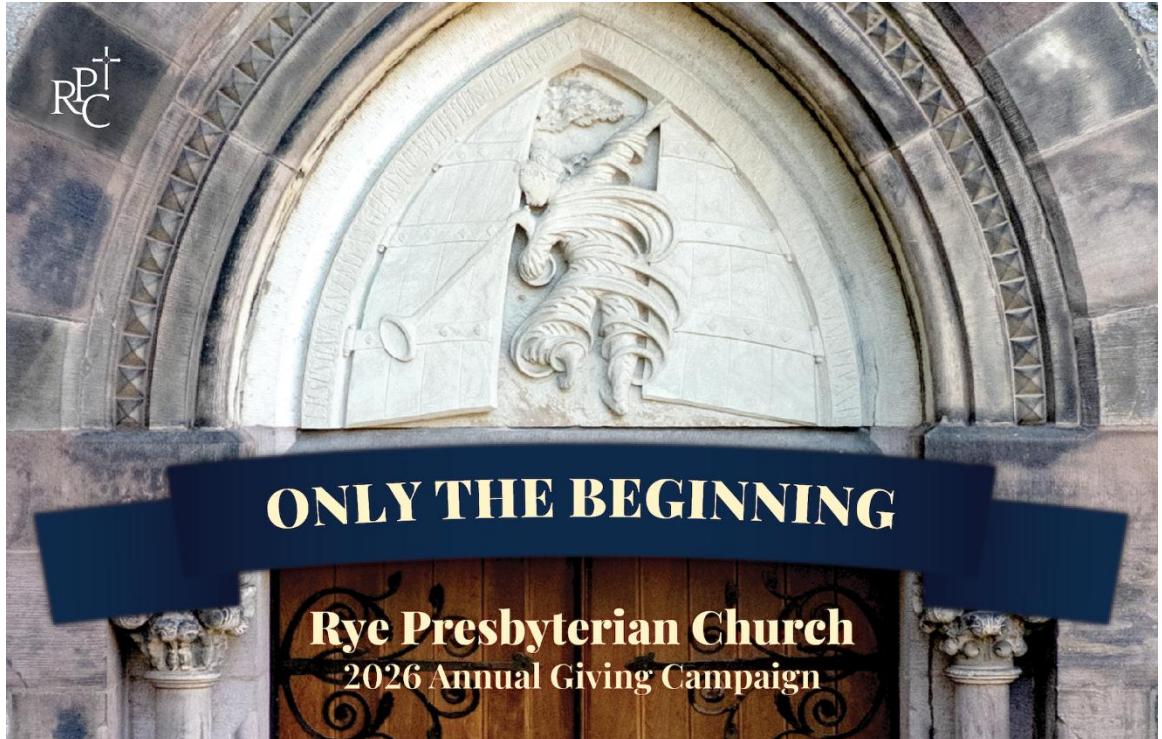


HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER

Sunday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m., in the Youth Rooms

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

JANUARY 25 WORSHIP
Ordination and Installation of Officers & Commitment Sunday



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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 have been sent in the mail. If you haven't yet received one, please contact the church office. 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/ by following the link or scanning the QR code.

Your Stewardship Committee:

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

COMING HOME 2026

Orientation Session on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 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. We encourage you to come to our orientation session Tuesday, January 27. Coming Home begins on Thursday evening, February 12, and will conclude with graduation on Sunday, June 7.

For more information, please contact Douglas Carey at either poningoearthcare@gmail.com or 914-565-6748, or Pastor Cari Pattison at either cpattison@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842 x14.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION WORSHOP

Saturday, January 31, from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. ✤ A warm welcome to the Lord's Table

With children coming from Sunday School to participate in communion, this is a great opportunity for them to learn more about the sacrament, and for you to grow in your faith together. Children in second through fifth grades are welcome to come with a parent to this special workshop. Together, we will explore the church, the meaning of this special meal, and how we celebrate it here at Rye Presbyterian. Space is limited, so please sign up by contacting Rev. Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

FEBRUARY 1 WORSHIP

Stephen Ministry Commisioning

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom, beginning February 3

Looking to deepen your spiritual practice? How do we grow as Christians, and truly "walk the talk"? What does it mean to be formed into the image of Christ? These are some of the questions explored in John Mark Comer's recent book, *Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus, Become like him, Do as he did*. We will meet for six evenings, starting on February 3, skipping February 17, and concluding on March 17.

Led by Co-Pastors Dan and Cari, this will be a reading and discussion based group with the goal of supporting one another in living in the way of Christ. You're invited to purchase the book on your own, available at Arcade Books in downtown Rye, to read the first of six sections before our first gathering.

WINTER SING 2026

for Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5



Wednesdays, through March 25

(no session on February 18)

4:15 – 4:45 p.m. in the Westminster Room

(snack available at 4:00)



Children are invited to join Mr. C. to sing and move about, all the while learning about how the ideas presented in what we sing relate to Bible stories, Jesus' words, and the broader Christian faith.

So that he might be able to prepare appropriately, please let Mr. C. know if your child plans to attend:

jcharneski@ryepc.com.





JAZZ SUNDAY

February 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Worship

Jazz Sunday is offered by a quartet of instrumentalists,
under the leadership of Jeremy Fletcher,
and the RPC Chancel Choir.

A highlight will be “What No Eye Has Seen,”
a new anthem by Dr. Fletcher.



ONGOING EVENTS

To learn more, visit ryepc.com/about-rpc/ongoing-events/



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Upcoming Meeting on Monday, January 26, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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

CHAPEL YOGA

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

THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

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

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Upcoming Meeting on Sunday, January 25, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom



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O Light of Nations, Fill the Earth

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Kyrie eleison

Music arr. Janet Hall

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Gloria Patri: Glory to God the Creator

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Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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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/.

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

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