Rye Presbyterian Church

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WOMEN OF THE HEBREW BIBLE: RACHEL
WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Childcare is available for children four years old and younger on the first floor of the Education Wing.

Following the Children's Message, children in Pre-K through 5th grade will go to their Sunday School classes.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Mr. Birk

There Is Balm in Gilead — arr. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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

Dear God, let me be blind to the things that do not matter:
what I wear, what I own, what I look like, what I have achieved—and let me see you at work:
in acts of creation and moments of joy, in the paradox of grace and the example of humility.
So may I follow you on the way, in the name of Jesus—Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show — Robert Williams (1781-1821); arr. John Roberts (1822-1877)

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, alleluia!
Saints within his courts below, alleluia!
Angels 'round the throne above, alleluia!
All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!

– Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847); based on Psalm 150

✧ *please stand as you are able*

✧ Call to Worship

Pastor: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.
People: Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.
Pastor: God ordained the Sabbath: rest and restoration.
People: God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.
All: So then, let us worship God.

✧ Hymn 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is *St. Columba*

✧ Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When we have wandered, and when we are lost, we pray that you would find us and help us find our way home. When we cannot quench our thirst, when we want that which is harmful to ourselves or others, satisfy us with your love and grace. When we need forgiveness, shower us with your unending mercy. Receive this prayer, and the silent prayers of our hearts.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to follow in your way, joined with those from ages past who have held onto hope in you, in spite of life's disappointments. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

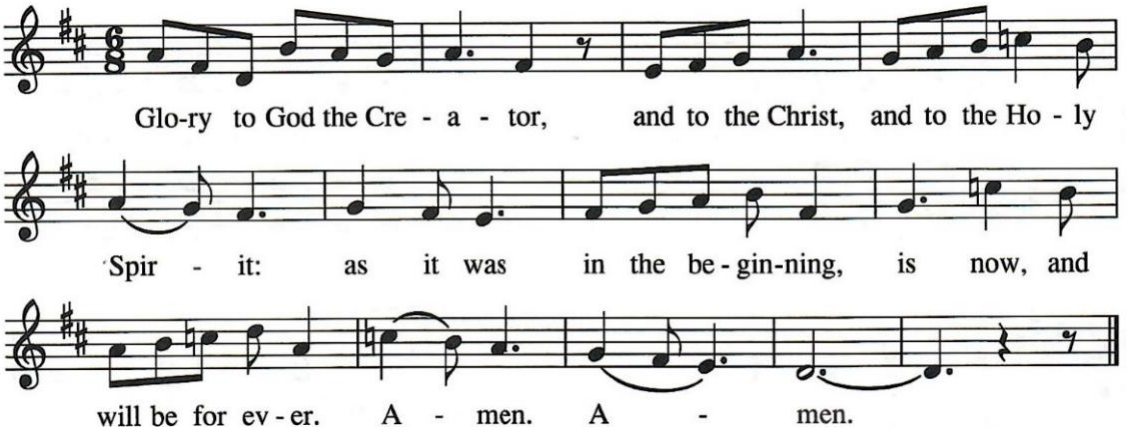
Kyrie Eleison (*sung by the choir*) Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

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

- Greek, 5th/6th centuries; transl.

Declaration of Forgiveness

✧ **GLORIA PATRI** Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



– 3rd/4th century Latin; trans

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children Message, children in Pre-K through 5th will go to their Sunday School classes.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Delilah Cole, *lay reader*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 29:1-14
(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 25)
At the conclusion of each reading:
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:18
(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 2)

SERMON The Blessing and Burden of the Chosen: Rachel's Story — Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✧ **HYMN 792** There Is a Balm in Gilead *Balm in Gilead*

✧ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Iona Abbey Book of Worship)*

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a God-with-us who in Christ sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and walk humbly; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life, and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

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/ to give online.
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

Teach Me, O Lord Benjamin Rogers (1614-1698)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law,
yea I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is my delight.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies and not to covetousness.
Behold, my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

– Psalm 119:33-36, 40 (*Coverdale version, alt.*)

✧ **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 684** Faith Begins by Letting Go *Lux Prima*

✧ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN *(All are invited into the chancel to listen to the postlude.)*
Lasst uns erfreuen arr. David A. Schack (b. 1947)

This is a spirited setting of the tune to which All Creatures of Our God and King *is sung.*

COFFEE HOUR

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

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Thomas Ausfahl, Mindy Grigg, Connie McBroom, and Susan Morison, *ushers.*
Claire Chesley, *crucifer.*

DEDICATIONS

The white rose at the lectern is in honor of the birth of
Ava Lillian Walsh, on November 2,
daughter of Allison Fulenwider Walsh and Spencer James Sume Walsh,
and granddaughter of Susan C. Fulenwider and Paul E. Fulenwider.

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 (Pre-K through 5th Grade)

Sundays, during worship, following the Children's Message

Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings during the worship hour. Children begin the morning in worship with their families and, following the Children's Message, are dismissed to their Sunday School classrooms in the Education Wing.
To register your child for Sunday School, and to learn more, please visit:
ryepc.com/sunday-school-registration/

Childcare (4 Years Old and Younger)

Sundays, before worship, on the first floor of the Education Wing

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for young children while parents attend worship. Childcare is available every Sunday morning. Participating children may be dropped off prior to the beginning of the worship service.
To register your child for Childcare, and to learn more, please visit:
ryepc.com/childcare-registration/

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/.

CREDITS

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Lord, Have Mercy
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Balm in Gilead [There Is a Balm in Gilead] {hymn}
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Several of our prayers throughout the service come from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission.

THIS WEEK

Today, November 8

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
1:00 p.m. High School Service Project – meeting in the RPC Parking Lot
7:00 p.m. New Member Dessert with Session – Church Library

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga – Chapel
1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship Group – Church Library
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Group
– Westminster Room and Upstairs Conference Room

Wednesday, November 11

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga (Level 1 Vinyasa) – Chapel
10:00 a.m. Senior Social Club Planning Meeting – Church Library
5:30 p.m. Thrift Shop Evening Sale & Grant Recipient Spotlight
7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting – Church Library

Thursday, November 12

9:15 a.m. Roots of Faith *(Interfaith Bible Study)* – Westminster Room
10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop
4:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – Westminster Room

Sunday, November 15

8:45 a.m. Young Moms' Bible Study – Upstairs Conference Room
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
2:30 p.m. AGO Rising Stars Concert – beginning in the Chapel
5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Westminster Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT – BUILDING BEDS

Today, November 8, from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., meeting in the RPC Parking Lot

The High School youth will be giving a few hours of their time to build beds at the Sleep in Heavenly Peace workshop in Bedford Hills. One of our Thrift Shop grant recipients, SHP builds and delivers bunk beds to families with children in our area so that "no kid sleeps on the floor in our town." We will leave RPC at 1:00 p.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. Spaces are limited, so please let Dan Love know if you are interested! Email **dlove@ryepc.com**.

NEW MEMBERS' DESSERT

Tonight, November 8, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Church Library

For those choosing to join the church, there will be a meeting with the leadership of the church this evening, November 8, at 7:00. This is a time to meet the officers of the church and for the church elders to welcome the group to official church membership. Public welcome and recognition of new members will take place during worship next Sunday, November 15.

THRIFT SHOP EVENING SALE & GRANT RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT

Wednesday, November 11, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Earlier this year, we were fortunate enough to grant $102,000 to multiple local charities. Through these nonprofits, all Thrift Shop proceeds go towards helping women, children, and other underserved populations. Once a month, we invite you to get to know one of our many exceptional grant recipients during our evening sales. This month, we're proud to welcome 5 Steps to Five to Rye Presbyterian Church. 5 Steps to Five strives to be a trusted resource for parents seeking to give their child the best possible start to school and to life. Their program features bilingual teachers modeling simple and fun ways to nurture cognitive, verbal, emotional, and social skills. RPC's longstanding partnership goes back to our previous ownership of the All Souls Community Center, which continues to serve as the base of operations for 5 Steps to Five. Come shop, drop off donations, and learn about the many services and volunteer opportunities that this worthy organization provides.

Questions? Email **RyeThrift10580@gmail.com**, or visit **ryepc.com/ministries/thrift-shop/**.
To learn more about 5 Steps to Five, visit **5stepstofive.org** via link or QR code.

Sponsored by the RPC Women's Association.

Call for a Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting is called for Sunday, November 15,
following ten o'clock worship, for the purpose of acting on the nominations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and members-at-large of the Nominating Committee.

– John Shuck, Clerk of Session

The proposed slate is as follows:

FOR ELDER

Class of 2027 (Youth Elder)
Wisdom Ngalauka

Class of 2029
Graham Beatty*
Jim Billingsley
Barbara Cummings*
Julianne Kizer
Mary Anne Massey
David Tutor

FOR DEACON

Class of 2027 (Youth Deacons)
Elle Ridley
Justin Qiu

Class of 2027
Nancy Johnson

Class of 2029
Sally Adler
Thomas Ausfahl*
Sarah Barringer*
Christie Greear
Joy Grese
Mindy Grigg*
Susan Mackle

FOR TRUSTEE

Class of 2028:
Christopher Winston

Class of 2029:
Peter Darrell
Doug McKean*
Mary Partingon
Terry Stack*

FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE FROM THE CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE

Class of 2028
Courtney Bennett
Philip Cicchiello
Addy Park

*Indicates returning for a second term

Chair Yoga

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

Looking for a way to feel better in body and mind while accessing more ease and grace in your life? Join Co-Pastor and certified yoga instructor Cari Pattison (RYT 200) and friends from the RPC Senior Social Club. All are welcome, whether RPC members or not, to this respite relaxation for seniors and others who prefer a gentler practice. It's also ideal for those of any age experiencing mobility limitations or injury recovery. Chairs, props, and water will be included. Just wear comfortable clothes you can move in! The suggested donation for those not already giving to RPC is $10 per class. Giving can be done online at **ryepc.com/give/**. Kindy RSVP to Cari at **cpattison@ryepc.com**.

AGO Rising Stars Concert

Sunday, November 15, at 2:30 p.m., beginning in the Chapel

The Westchester County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will present a concert by three young organists here on Sunday, November 15, at 2:30 p.m. Many of you will remember one of the performers: Eddie Zheng, who served here as the first Knock Intern in Sacred Music. Eddie was a semi-finalist in this year's National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance, a biennial event of the larger national AGO. RPC is fortunate to have two excellent pipe organs (chancel and chapel) on which the performers will share their talents.



Christmas Pageant

ryepc.com/christmas-pageant/

Rehearsals

Thursdays, November 12 and 19, and December 3, 10, and 17,
from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., beginning in the Westminster Room

Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party

Saturday, December 19, beginning in the Westminster Room
Dress Rehearsal from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pizza Party at 12:00 p.m.

Pageant

Sunday, December 20. Children arrive at 3:00 p.m.
Pageant begins at 4:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

CALLING ALL RPC BAKERS!

Sunday, November 15
Special Coffee Hour



Join us following worship in the Assembly Room for a special coffee hour and a chance to show off your baking talents!

Whether you're creative with decorations or prefer classic chocolate chip cookies, we'd love to have your contribution!

Let us know if you will be participating by emailing Sarah Barringer at ssbarringer@gmail.com.

Baked goods can be dropped off in the Assembly Room before worship.

Please join the Clergy of Rye for the

Rye Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

sponsored by the Rye Women's Interfaith Committee

Sunday, November 22, 2026
3:00 pm

Community Synagogue, 200 Forest Avenue, Rye

Guest Speaker: Reverend Christopher Monturo
Church of the Resurrection, Rye

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

Christ's Church
Rye, New York

Community Synagogue of Rye

Rye Presbyterian Church

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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 or by mail to: P. O. Box 682, Port Chester, NY 10573

MEALS ON MAIN ST.

HOPE Community Services – Winter Coat Drive

Collecting through Friday, November 20, at RPC

HOPE Community Services is a New Rochelle Non-Profit which provides a food pantry, community kitchen, and a wide array of social services to the New Rochelle Community. HOPE is preparing for their annual distribution of winter coats, hats, gloves, and accessories. Each year over 300 families receive their winter essentials from HOPE. Please help us support that effort by donating new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, boots, and sweatshirts (and any other winter items). HOPE is collecting all sizes – infant, children, and adult. Please launder any items before donating. A collection box is available at RPC, just outside front office, through Friday, November 20. For more information on HOPE's mission, volunteer opportunities or to donate, please visit **HOPECommunityServices.org**.

Greening of the Kirk

Wednesday, December 2, from 8:45 – 11:00 a.m.

It's almost that time of year when RPC's elves gather together to decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays You can look forward to snacks, coffee, and lots of holiday cheer. Please contact Ashley Ginnings at **ashleytginnings@gmail.com** if we can count on you this year!

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 6, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for carols around the tree to welcome the Christmas season! This year, we will begin our festivities on the front lawn at 6:30 p.m. After caroling, we will walk together next door to the 890 manse for desserts and hot chocolate from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Please bring a dessert to share! Desserts can be dropped off in the church kitchen before 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, or they can be carried over with you after the tree lighting. We welcome members, friends, and visitors of all ages.



ONGOING EVENTS

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

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, November 15, at 5:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room
Email Rev. Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Today, November 8, Bed Building Project, from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Email Rev. Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com or Rev. Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, November 22, at 8:00 p.m., in the Church Library
Email Rev. Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com

YOUNG MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, from 8:45-9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room
Childcare is available! Email Madison Walsh at madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Monday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m., on Zoom
Email Rev. Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., in the Church Library
Email Alicia at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or Courtney at courtneybennett910@gmail.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECTION

Wednesday, December 2, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., in the RPC Youth Rooms
Email Rev. Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com or Rev. Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com

CHAPEL YOGA (LEVEL 1 VINYASA)

Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel
Email Rev. Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com

ROOTS OF FAITH: BOLD WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Thursdays, from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m., in the Westminster Room
To RSVP, email Rev. Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com

THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Email RyeThrift10580@gmail.com
Visit ryepc.com/ministries/thrift-shop/

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