Rye Presbyterian Church

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WOMEN OF THE HEBREW BIBLE: LEAH
WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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

Following the Welcome of New Members, children in Pre-K through 5th grade will go to their Sunday School classes.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Mr. Birk

Prelude on *Open My Eyes* — Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

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

Inhale slowly; exhale fully.
Breathe in Jesus; Breathe out Peace.

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: God has set this day before us,
People: a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.
Pastor: God has set our lives before us,
People: a span of years in which we love, learn, and serve.
Pastor: God has set a seal upon our hearts,
People: that we might have life, and have it abundantly.
All: Come, let us worship God.

✧ Hymn 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See *Open My Eyes*

✧ Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(inspired by "The Four Agreements," by Don Miguel Ruiz)*

God of Love, we confess we are often careless with our word. We fall short of speaking honestly and kindly, and our words do not always give life. We take things personally that were never ours to carry, and we can be easily offended. We make assumptions about others and ourselves, rather than asking questions and seeking to understand. We sometimes bring less than our best, especially to situations or people we value less.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

In your mercy, forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to help us live in the way of Jesus. Give us grace in our words, faithfulness in following through, and freedom from making things all about us. Lift our assumptions and fill us with courage and resolve to do our best – whatever that may look like – day by day. May we value each person as your child. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

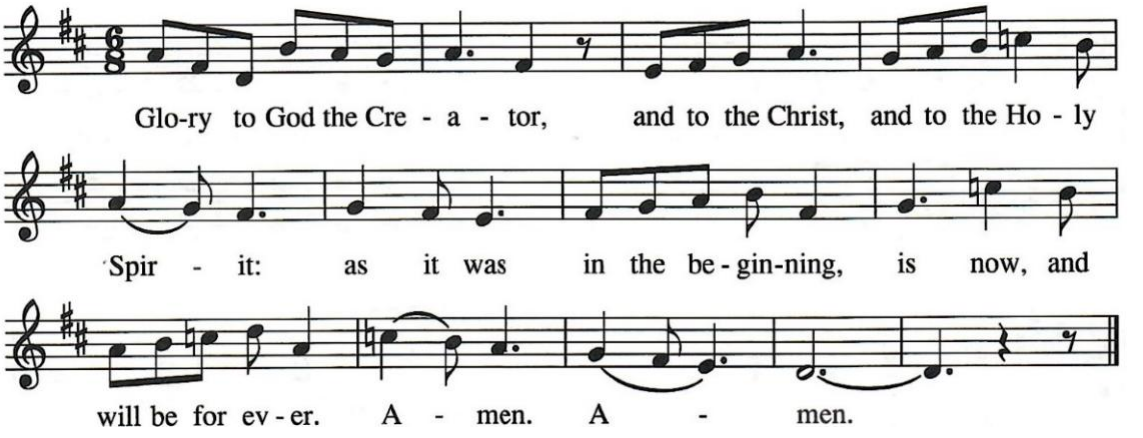
Kyrie Eleison (*sung by the choir*) Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith

Whitney and Maxwell Buckley
Brett Kearney
Richard McBride
Hunter O'Brien and Lee Tucker
Kathryn Reilly

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Bob Connor, *lay reader*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 29:16-24
(Pew Bible, p. 26)

At the conclusion of each reading:
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 29:25-35
(Pew Bible, p. 26)

SERMON "Seeing Through Different Eyes" Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✧ **HYMN (back page)** Little Bethlehem of Judah *Westridge*

✧ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *("A Brief Statement of Faith" from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.))*

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.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee — Jean Berger (1909-2002)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satifiest the desire of every living thing.
– Psalm 145:15-16

✧ 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 833 — O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go — *St. Margaret*

✧ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting is called for the purpose of acting on the nominations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and members-at-large to the Nominating Committee.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR – RPC BAKERS

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

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Carl Freidrich, Mary Ann Haines, Joe Montalto, and Jordy Winslow, *ushers.*
James Crosby, *crucifer.*

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/.

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THIS WEEK

Today, November 15

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Special Coffee Hour: RPC Bakers – Assembly Room
11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
2:30 p.m. AGO Rising Stars Concert – beginning in the Chapel

Monday, November 16

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

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Tuesday, November 17

1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship Group – Church Library
7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Westminster Room

THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 p.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel
7:30 p.m. Session – Westminster Room

Thursday, November 19

9:15 a.m. Roots of Faith *(Interfaith Bible Study)* – Westminster Room
10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop
10:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Team Leaders Meeting – Church Library
4:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – Westminster Room

Sunday, November 22

8:45 a.m. Young Moms' Bible Study – Upstairs Conference Room
11:00 a.m. Special Coffee Hour: Thanksgiving Brunch – Assembly Room
11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
3:00 p.m. Rye Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Community Synagogue
5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Westminster Room
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Dinner – Westminster Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC

Through Monday, December 7

We invite you to join in celebrating the Christmas season by making a donation toward our Christmas Flowers & Music. All gifts received by Monday, December 7, will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Max Crawley at mcrawley@ryepc.com.

Donate by Cash/Check

Within the sanctuary, Christmas Flowers & Music envelopes are now available. Each envelope is labeled with instructions and dedication forms.

Donate Online

Visit ryepc.com/worship/christmas-flowers-and-music/ or scan the QR Code for PayPal instructions and an online dedication form.

AGO Rising Stars Concert

Today, 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 two young organists here today, November 15, at 2:30 p.m. Due to an unavoidable change in his schedule, Eddie Zheng, who served here as the first Knock Intern in Sacred Music, will not be able to perform. RPC is fortunate to have two excellent pipe organs (chancel and chapel) on which the performers will share their talents.

Helping Hands Rye – Winter Warmth

Sock Rolling on Monday, November 16, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room
Winter Warmth on Wednesday, November 18, 10:00 a.m., Community Synagogue of Rye

We invite you to join us as we prepare for our annual Winter Warmth event. Helping Hands Rye purchases and distributes new winter clothing to men, women, and teens in Westchester shelters. On Monday, come, pull up a chair, and help us roll socks at RPC. On Wednesday, we'll spend the day stuffing drawstring bags with winter essentials - gloves, hats, socks, and scarves - for our neighbors in need. If you have any questions, please contact Young Kim at 222ykim@gmail.com. To learn more about Helping Hands Rye, visit helpinghandsrye.org.



Christmas Pageant

ryepc.com/christmas-pageant/

Rehearsals

Thursdays, November 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

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

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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 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**.

Special Coffee Hour – Thanksgiving Brunch

Sunday, November 22, following worship

Celebrate Thanksgiving with RPC by enjoying a festive plate of food!

Hosted by the Rye Presbyterian Church Deacons.

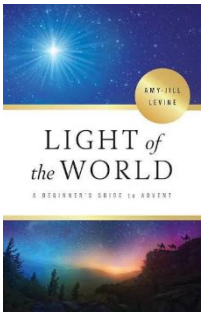
Unlocking the Mysteries of Advent

A Four-Part Book Study with Pastor Cari

Sundays, November 29, and December 6, 13, and 20, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Church Library



"Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent" by Amy-Jill Levine.
Please read through chapter one before our first session together.



Author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. Cari will be incorporating discussion, scripture reading, art, video, and prayer, as we go through the world-changing stories and characters leading up to Christmas. Please order the book and read through chapter one before our first session together, and please bring a bagged lunch! Kindly RSVP to Pastor Cari at **cpattison@ryepc.com**.

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. Tree Lighting at 6:30 p.m. on RPC's Front Lawn.
Dessert to follow from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the 890 Boston Post Road Manse.

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 Boston Post Road 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.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Sunday, December 13, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

This fun-filled afternoon is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and celebrate the Christmas season! We will provide the premade gingerbread houses, candy, and icing for the children to use their creativity to design their own festive houses. Family-friendly dinner will be served around 3:45 p.m., including a variety of pizzas and salad. Following dinner, there will be an ice cream sundae table for the children to make their own yummy dessert. If you have any questions, please email Kristin and Margaret at **directors@ryepc.com**. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful holiday tradition with you and your family!

Gingerbread House Decorating Sign-Up



CANTATA SUNDAY

SHOUT! EXULT! PRAISE!

Rye Presbyterian Church

December 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Festive Reception to Follow

Music for Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra

Bach: *Christmas Oratorio,* part 1:
Jauchzet, frohlocket, auf, preiset die Tage

(Shout, exult, praise the days [of Christmas])

Telemann: Concerto in D Major for
3 Trumpets, 2 Oboes, Strings, and Timpani

Cantata Sunday is made possible through
generous gifts to the Music Fund.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, November 22, at 5:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room
Email Rev. Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 22, Dinner at 6:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room
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 23, 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 (excluding November 25), from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel
The suggested donation for those not already giving to RPC is $10 per class.
Giving can be done online at **ryepc.com/give/**. Please include "yoga" in the memo line.
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 or visit ryepc.com/ministries/thrift-shop/

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22, 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? Chair Yoga continues in December! Join us for a series of candlelight yoga sessions with special scriptures tying into the characters and stories of Advent.

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 special class 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/, and please include "yoga" in the memo line. Kindy RSVP to Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com.

Little Bethlehem of Judah — *Westridge*



Text: Calvin Seerveld (1930-2025) Music: Martin F. Shaw (1875-1958)

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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.