

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Mr. Neves

Impromptu in F Major [op. 78, no. 1]

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

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 Lord Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life:
Do not let us stray from you, the Way, nor to distrust you, the Truth,
nor to rest in anything other than you, the Life.*

CHORAL INTROIT

I Woke Up This Morning

Spiritual; arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelujah.

Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelujah.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 15)

Pastor: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**People: Those who walk blamelessly, do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart.**

Pastor: Those who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends.

People: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Pastor: Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot's Leigh

✦ *please stand as you are able*

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of holiness, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor have we spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not live in humble obedience to your word. Instead, we seek an easier path. Far too often, our ways are not your ways.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

God of grace, forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand firmly in the goodness of Christ and by your Spirit walk in the light of his love. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Avon Gillespie (1938-1989)

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy, have mercy, O Lord. – 5th/6th century Greek; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Believe the good news of the gospel!

People: As far as the east is from the west –
so far has God removed our sin from us.

Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone, and a new life has begun.

Pastor: Friends, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Amen.

✦ 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR 2026 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS & MORNING OFFERING

MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Mr. Neves

Sonata I [op. 65, no. 1]: ii. Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Children ages 4 through 5th grade may now go to their Sunday School classes. They will return during the hymn following the Minute for Mission to be with their families for communion.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Parks, *lay reader*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 6:6-8

(Pew Bible, page 866)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-10

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 4)

HOMILY

“More Than Words”

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of Belhar*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

To the Stephen Ministers:

Pastor: Will you serve as Stephen Ministers with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Pastor: Will you be faithful in using your gifts and the skills you have learned as you provide for the care of others?

I will, with God's help.

Pastor: Will you be a companion to those in need, a sharer of burdens, a patient listener, and an encouragement to those with whom you minister?

I will, with God's help.

To the Stephen Leader:

Pastor: Will you be faithful in using your gifts and the skills you have learned as you provide for the training of Stephen Ministers and the oversight of the ministry in our congregation?

I will, with God's help.

To the congregation:

Pastor: Will you, the people of the Rye Presbyterian Church, open your hearts to the ministry of these people, and pray for them that they may be effective servants of Christ?

We will, with God's help.

PRESENTATION OF PINS

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

People: Gracious God, you have called these persons to be leaders and caregivers to those in need. Bless them as they begin their time of service. Help them to make full use of their skills and talents. Grant them your gifts of energy, compassion, and faith, multiplying their work by the power of your Spirit. Center them upon you, O Lord, that you might be their vision and strength in the days ahead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time to seek, to save, and to make visible your grace and truth in Jesus Christ.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here, too, our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell (1932-2025)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

-Isaiah 6:3b, Revelation 4:8, and Psalm 118:25-26

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught, and showed the way to your kingdom; for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again. Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and for all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hands too readily take, and our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. But as best we can, we trust in your welcoming grace; we come into your holy and loving presence, and find our place at your table. For with you alone is mercy and the power to change us.

Send down your Holy Spirit on us, on this table you have prepared for us, and on these gifts of bread and wine that they might become for us your body - healing, forgiving, and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

And now, trusting in you the risen Lord and the promise of your coming kingdom, we are bold to pray together...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please come forward to receive communion by intinction:
take a piece of bread and dip it in a cup.
Wine is in the ceramic cups and grape juice is in the silver chalices.
Gluten-free wafers are available at the station in front of the lectern.*

ANTHEM FOR SOLO VOICE, CHOIR, FLUTE, AND ORGAN

Take My Life, That I May Be

Robert A. Hobby, 1995

Zoe Brooks, mezzo soprano, and Jeremy Fletcher, flute

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

-Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874; alt

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Send us out to live as changed people, for we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much of us, enable much of us, encourage many through us. May we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

✦ **HYMN** (back page)

Community of Christ

Leoni

✦ **BENEDICTION**

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

Sonata IV [op. 65, no. 4]: iv. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Caroline Parks, *crucifer*

Edward Avery Jr., Connie McBroom, Lindsey Furnary, and Hollis O'Rorke, *ushers*
Claudia Asgeirsson, Edward Avery Jr., Julianne Laverty, Sue Parish, Tess Rafferty,
Becky Ruegger, and Caroline Wallach, *communion servers*

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

Tess Rafferty, *Stephen Ministry Leader*

Claudia Asgeirsson, Lindsey Furnary, Julianne Laverty, Connie McBroom, Andrea O'Meara,
Hollis O'Rorke, Sue Parish, Tess Rafferty, and Caroline Wallach, *Stephen Ministers*

DEDICATIONS

In Memoriam

Richard Littlejohn, January 27, nephew of the late Carol Norton.

The white rose at the lectern is in honor of the birth of
Mackenzie Lee Gahagan, born on January 27. Daughter of Katie and Dan Gahagan,
sister to Jack and Thomas, and granddaughter of Mary and David Versfelt.



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/.

TODAY

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel
Youth Summer Service Trip Information Session, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room
Confirmation, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room
High School Youth Group Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms
Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library/Zoom

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library/Zoom
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Conference Room/Zoom
7:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study – Library/Zoom

Wednesday, February 4

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
7:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee – Library

Thursday, February 5

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

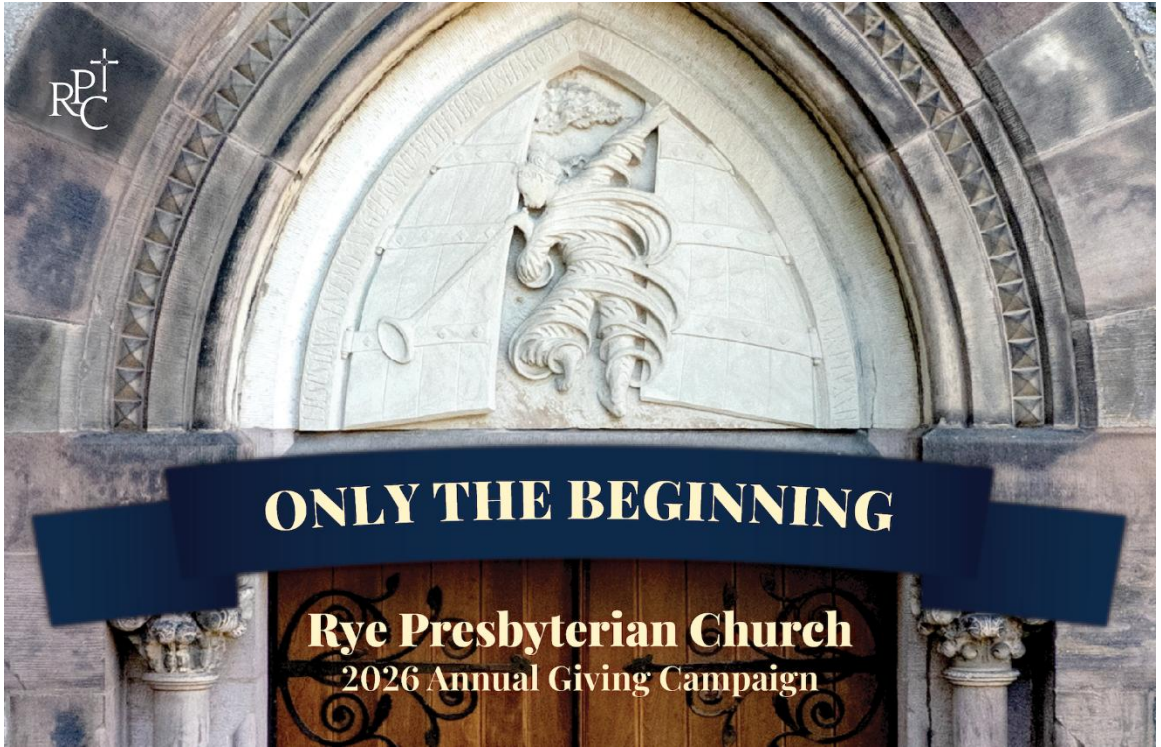
Saturday, February 7

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Go-Kart Racing Meetup – RPC Parking Lot
7:45 p.m. High School Youth Group Go-Kart Racing – RPM Raceway

Sunday, February 8

8:45 a.m. Moms' Bible Study – Conference Room
9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of Congregation - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Westminster Room
(please note the earlier time)

2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today, February 1



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 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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 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 and read up through page 31 before our first gathering. Kindly RSVP to Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com to let us know you'll be participating, and if you'll need the Zoom link.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER

Tonight, February 1, at 6:00 p.m., in the Youth Rooms

Join us for tonight's 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!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

Today, following worship, in the Westminster Room

We will be hosting an information session today, from 11:15 – 12:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room. If you would like to come on this year, please submit the registration form, which will be available on the Rye Presbyterian Church website starting Monday, February 2, at 8:00 p.m. Right now, we have 14 guaranteed youth spots, but if there is substantial interest, we may be able to increase our numbers to 20 youth participants!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP GO-KART RACING

Saturday, February 7, 7:45 – 11:00 p.m., at the RPM Raceway
Meet at the Rye Presbyterian Church Parking Lot at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an adrenaline filled Saturday night at the RPM raceway!
No driver's licenses required to drive these electric go-karts. Cost is \$30 per person.
Please register with Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com by February 1.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 8, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, in person and via Zoom

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Rye Presbyterian Church is called for Sunday, February 8, following 10:00 a.m. worship, in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. We will receive the 2025 annual report, hear a brief presentation of the 2026 budget, act on the terms of call for the pastors, and act on a nomination for the Board of Trustees.

–John Shuck, Clerk of Session

COMING HOME 2026

Dinner is open to church members by RSVP
Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room

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. Coming Home begins on Thursday evening, February 12, and will conclude with graduation on Sunday, June 7.

To RSVP, please contact Douglas Carey at either poningoeearthcare@gmail.com or 914-565-6748, or Pastor Cari Pattison at either cpattison@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842 x14.

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.





ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

All are invited to begin the Lenten journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This forty-minute service will include hymns, a homily, prayers, and the opportunity to receive ashes.

ONGOING EVENTS

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



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Upcoming Meeting on Monday, February 2, 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 this evening, February 1, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom



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Gloria Patri: Glory to God the Creator

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BLESSED ARE

THE POOR | those who
in SPIRIT | mourn

(THE WEEK)

THOSE WHO | FOR
HUNGER AND | RIGHTEOUSNESS
THIRST |

THE MERCIFUL
PURE IN HEART
PEACE makers

THOSE WHO ARE
PERSECUTED FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

YOU

WHEN PEOPLE REVILE YOU AND
PERSECUTE YOU

DO NOT account

Community of Christ

Leoni

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;

The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

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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.

