

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Mr. Neves

Herzliebster Jesu [Dearest Jesus]

Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

*The tune upon which this setting is based is printed in the hymnal at no. 218,  
Ah, Holy Jesus! Though the text explores Peter's denial of Jesus, it also speaks to  
the temptations that cause us to do the same.*

### 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

*God who is 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 Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Spiritual; harm. Nolan Williams, Jr., 2000

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 98)*

Pastor: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will we eat?

**People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

Pastor: People of God, in times of temptation, how will we live?

**People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

Pastor: People of God, at this and every crossroad, whom will we serve?

**All: Together, let us worship God alone.**

✦ *please stand as you are able*

## ✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you alone know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that bring us life. You know us fully, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your faithful care, and relying on our own wisdom. Our sinful ways run deep.

*Silent prayers of confession are offered.*

Have mercy on us, we pray; cover us with your grace, feed us with the true bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Avon Gillespie (1938-1989)

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

– 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> century Greek; transl.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ RESPONSE *(sung by all, two times)*

Jacques Berthier, 1984

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

– Taizé Community; based on Psalm 103:1

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
FOR DUKE VALENTINE DALTON AND ROBERT SCOTT SETER**

*(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 Duke and Robert by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

**People: 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 Duke and Robert, 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*)

Baptized in Water

*Bunessan*

*This setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 482, the third stanza.*

*Children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Sunday School during the singing of this response.*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

*– Michael A. Saward, 1981*

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Melissa Belleville, lay reader*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
(Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 2)

*At the conclusion of each reading:*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 4:1-11  
(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 3)

**SERMON**

“Go Your Own Way?”

Rev. Love

## THE RESPONSE

✦ **HYMN 783**

When We Are Tested

*Angels of Healing*

**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*)

Carl MaultsBy (b. 1949)

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

## ANTHEM FOR CHOIR, SOLO VOICE, AND ORGAN

The Apple Tree

Scottish folk song; arr. K. Lee Scott, 1983

*Michael McAvooy, baritone*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
laden with fruit and always green:  
the trees of nature fruitless be  
compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
the glory which I now can see  
in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought  
and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
here I will sit and rest awhile:  
under the shadow I will be  
of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

– collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

*The text here takes the temptation of Adam and Eve, via the serpent encouraging them to eat the fruits of the tree in the center of the Garden of Eden, and turns it on its head.*

*In this case, the poet looks to Jesus as being the tree whose fruits we should eat and in whose shade we should sit, these being metaphors for a life of discipleship.*

### ✦ LENTEN HYMN OF PRESENTATION

*Rockingham*

*These words, with the music included, are printed in the hymnal at no. 652, stanza 1.*

**A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.  
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.**

–David Gambrell, 2009

### ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING FORTH

### ✦ HYMN 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

### ✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

Wer nur den lieben Gott [BWV 642]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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## COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be held in the Assembly Room following worship.  
(The Assembly Room is 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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/).

## DEDICATIONS

*The chancel flowers are given by*  
Amber Nee, in loving memory of Owen and David.

*In Memoriam*  
Kirk M. McInerney, February 13, father of Julianne Kizer

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Lucy Beatty, *crucifer*  
Sarah Barringer, Carl Friedrich, Fallys Ngalauka, and Wisdom Ngalauka, *ushers*

## BAPTISMS

*The sacrament of the baptism is administered today to:*  
Duke Valentine Dalton, son of Charlotte and Beau Dalton  
Robert Scott Seter, son of Erin and Christopher Seter

## TODAY

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary  
Sunday School Teachers Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Library  
Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, February 23

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9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion – Zoom  
4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision – Conference Room

### Tuesday, February 24

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1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library/Zoom  
7:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study – Library/Zoom

### Wednesday, February 25

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10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Assembly Room  
4:15 p.m. Winter Sing (Grades K-5) – Westminster Room  
7:30 p.m. Session – Westminster Room/Zoom

### Thursday, February 26

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10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop – Assembly Room  
7:00 p.m. Coming Home Dinner – Westminster Room  
7:00 p.m. Search Committee – Conference Room/Zoom

## Sunday, March 1

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- 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
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Information Session – Library
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Westminster Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Dinner – Youth Rooms
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Service – Chapel

## UPCOMING EVENTS

To learn more, visit [ryepc.com/about-rpc/events/](http://ryepc.com/about-rpc/events/)

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### NEW MEMBER WELCOME DISCUSSIONS

Sundays, March 1 and 8, at 11:15 a.m., in the RPC Library

Lent is here – a season of intentional practices and deepening faith. Whether you have been coming to Rye Presbyterian for a long time or are new to the church, maybe this Lent is the time for you to take a further step into the life, community, and mission of the church.

All those interested in exploring what it means to be a member of the church are invited to take part in the upcoming New Member discussion sessions. We will meet on Sundays, March 1 and 8, immediately following worship, in the church library. Childcare will be available as needed. In these classes, we will explore what it means to be a Presbyterian in general, and then what it means to actively live out our faith together as a part of this particular church.

In addition to the Sunday classes, for those choosing to join the church, there will be a meeting with the leadership of the church on Sunday evening, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. This is a time to meet the officers of the church and for the Session to welcome the group to official church membership. Recognition of the new members as they join the church will take place during worship on Sunday, March 29.

To attend the discussions, and especially if you will need childcare, RSVP to Peggy Berretta in the church office at [pberretta@ryepc.com](mailto:pberretta@ryepc.com) or 914-967-0842. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to either of our Co-Pastors. Email Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com), and Cari Pattison at [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com).

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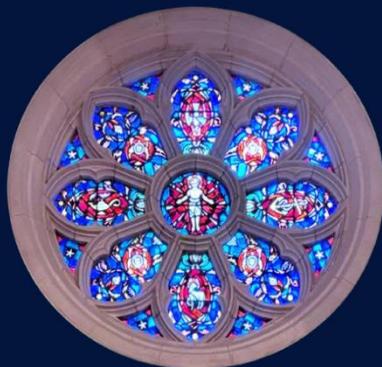
# SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

## CRAWFORD CHAPEL

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RPC's Crawford Chapel is adjacent to the Sanctuary

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

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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.

# FELLOWSHIP FESTIVAL

***SUNDAY, MARCH 15***

**11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the Assembly Room**

All are welcome!

Come join us and see what RPC has to offer  
outside of Sunday services!

There are many opportunities to become involved  
and grow and learn in faith together.

Hope to see you there!

*BOOK STUDIES • CHAPEL YOGA • BIBLE STUDIES • WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP  
THRIFT SHOP • WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION • SHOW UP & MAKE • CHANCEL CHOIR  
STEPHEN MINISTRY • FRIENDLY VISITORS • COMING HOME • EARTHCARE TEAM  
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP • MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECTION*

**Organized by the Fellowship and Formation Committee**

Rye Presbyterian Church



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## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday, March 8, from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room



All are welcome to join us for our annual Rise Against Hunger event! We will come together in the Assembly Room following the 10:00 a.m. service to help package 10,000 meals. The meals we put together that morning will be used as part of school feeding and crisis relief programs. Coffee, lemonade, and pizza will be served! Sign up online at [ryepc.com/article/rise-against-hunger/](https://ryepc.com/article/rise-against-hunger/).

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## EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC

Open through Monday, March 16



We invite you to join in celebrating Easter by making a donation toward our Easter Flowers and Music. All gifts received by **Monday, March 16**, will be gratefully acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. If you have any questions, please email Max Crawley at [mrcrawley@ryepc.com](mailto:mrcrawley@ryepc.com).

**Donate by Cash/Check:** Within the sanctuary, you will find Easter Flowers and Music envelopes available. Checks should indicate "Flowers & Music" made payable to RPC at Rye Presbyterian Church 882 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY 10580. Please place your sealed envelope in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office.

**Donate Online:** Please visit our website at [ryepc.com/worship/easter-flowers-and-music](https://ryepc.com/worship/easter-flowers-and-music).

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: GRASSROOTS GROCERY

Saturday, March 28, at 9:00 a.m., at Grassroots Grocery

1750 E Gun Hill Road, Bronx, NY, 10469



With the support of the Christian Education committee, Rye Presbyterian Church is proud to partner with Grassroots Grocery, a non-profit organization that provides fresh produce to communities in the Bronx living in food emergencies. Volunteers like you make their work possible! Together, we'll work together to unload a truck filled with over 12,000 pounds of unsold produce, and redistribute it across the city. This event is a fun, intergenerational opportunity to help our neighbors in need.

If you would like to join us, please sign up using the link below. Spots are limited, with only 40 in total, so don't wait! If you're attending as a family, please make sure that each family member is signed up individually. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chelsea Singer at [cah.ralston@gmail.com](mailto:cah.ralston@gmail.com).

[grassrootsgrocery.org/ryepc](https://grassrootsgrocery.org/ryepc)

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## ONGOING EVENTS

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### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Monday, February 23, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

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### WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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

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### LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

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### CHAPEL YOGA

Wednesday, February 25, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Assembly Room

Resuming in the Chapel on the following Wednesday, March 4

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### WINTER SING 2026

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

Singing and learning for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5

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### THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

Email [RyeThrift10580@gmail.com](mailto:RyeThrift10580@gmail.com) for donation information

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### COMING HOME 2026

Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room

Dinner is open to church members by RSVP

Email Douglas Carey at [poningoeearthcare@gmail.com](mailto:poningoeearthcare@gmail.com)

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### MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, March 1, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Conference Room

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### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER

Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m., in the Youth Rooms

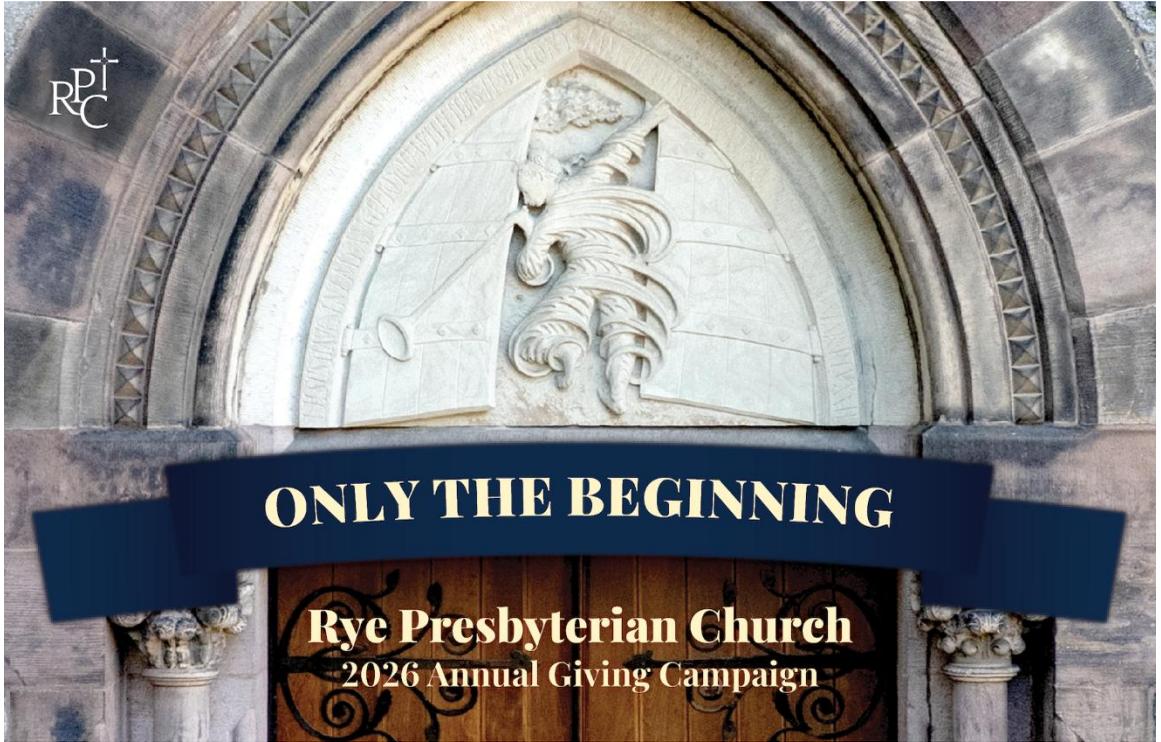
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### MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, February 22, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

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## RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



As of February 19, Rye Presbyterian Church has received 211 pledges for \$1,122,000.

Of those 211, 25 were new pledges, and 100 households increased their pledge!

We are 79% of the way to our goal. Please help us get there by making your pledge today!

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

If you haven't yet made your pledge, you can do so at [ryepc.com/stewardship-2026/](https://ryepc.com/stewardship-2026/).

Your Stewardship Committee:

Sarah Barringer, Young Kim, Dan Love, Cari Pattison, Scot Stevens,  
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**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

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**Kyrie eleison: Lord, Have Mercy**

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**Bless the Lord, My Soul**

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**Baptized in Water**

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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/](https://ryepc.com/give/).

Contact Maida Robinson at [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com) with any questions.

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

