

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Thirty-five Miniatures for Organ [op. 55]: iv. Andante elegiaco

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

WELCOME

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*O God, in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 106)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all God's praise?

People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

* HYMN (see page 7)

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Shepherds' Pipes

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[Exodus 32:1-14](#)

Gary Gibson, layreader

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Michael McAvoy, baritone
Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood,
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that had been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

—Frederick W. Faber, 1854, alt.

GOSPEL LESSON

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

SERMON

"Sacred Cows"

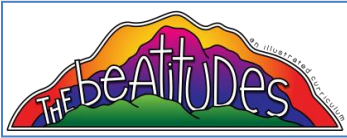
Dr. Miller

* 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.

TODAY

Youth Choir, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom



VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday, October 11, there is no Virtual Sunday School! We hope you all enjoy this Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day weekend! We will meet again next Sunday, October 18. See you then!

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 12

Offices closed in observance of Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Women's Discipleship, via Zoom – contact [Alicia Baldwin](mailto:alicia@ryepc.com) or [Courtney Bennett](mailto:courtney@ryepc.com) for the link.

Thursday, October 15

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop: *Weather Permitting* – Outside only. See notice below.

3:30-4:15 p.m. Children's Choir: *Weather Permitting* – Outside on the Great Lawn.

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry: Prime Ministers, via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Adult Education, via Zoom – Contact John Miller (jmiller@ryepc.com)

GENERAL NOTICES

Our e-mail prayer group is going strong. Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact rpcprayers@gmail.com.



WEEKDAY HOURS

The church is open 10-2, Monday through Friday, for private prayer in the Sanctuary and other church business. Only one door will be open for entry - the door facing Parsons Street near the Assembly Room. If you need access to the building at some other time during the day, please contact the church office at 967-0842, or at rpc@ryepc.com. If you do come to the church, please take careful note of the guidelines that are in place so that we may all safely use the church building together. (<https://ryepc.com/article/weekday-reopening-of-rye-presbyterian/>)

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you'd like to be of service during worship on Sunday mornings, either virtually or in person, please email Dan Love at <mailto:dlove@ryepc.com>. We could use help both with in-person ushering; with the running of the live-stream from the sanctuary, and with virtual ushering online.

Excellent training available!

ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page. [Click here](#) or scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone to donate. Please contact Maida Robinson at mrobinson@ryepc.com, if you have any questions or need assistance. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!



CONNECTION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – FALL 2020

Both our middle school Connection and High School Youth Group have started up again with a mix of Zoom and in-person gatherings! Please visit the "Youth Ministry" page of the website – <https://ryepc.com/ministries/youth/> - to get a glimpse of what our youth are up to this fall.

While you are there, all middle school and high school youth are invited to fill out our **get-to-know-you form!** This form will help us all stay connected as much as possible during the school year, so please encourage your youth to fill it out before the school year starts.



JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OR THE YOUTH CHOIR!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6

CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 7 AND UP

These choirs are accepting new members and welcoming back old ones for the 2020-2021 school year.

THIS YEAR WE ARE LEARNING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND DELVING INTO THE ART OF MUSICAL SIGNING!

For more information, please contact Lisa Rawson, Director

(lrawson@ryepc.com)

Adult Education is back. Join us for...

THURSDAY REFLECTIONS

Thursdays, beginning October 15 through January 21, 7:30 p.m.

(not meeting 11/26, 12/24, 12/31)

We meet together on Thursday evenings via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Our first series will explore some of the basic tenets of our Reformed Faith. This four-part series includes 12 articles written by a variety of pastors and theologians. The four themes are:

Who Is God, Really? Who Are We, Honestly?

What Does God Have To Do With Us? What Do We Have To Do With Each Other?

The group participants reflect a wide range of beliefs and are very accepting and respectful of all views.

Contact John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842, ex. 14 for Zoom info and articles, which will be sent by email, or USPS if requested.

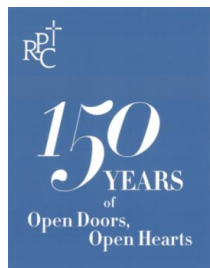
NEW MEMBER WELCOME DISCUSSIONS

Sundays, October 18 and 25, immediately following worship via Zoom

Perhaps you've been coming to RPC a long time, or perhaps you are brand new to the area or the church. Either way, if you've thought about taking a further step into the life, community, and mission of RPC, this is a great time to explore it. All those who are interested in finding out more about what it means to be a member of the Rye Presbyterian Church are invited to take part in the New Member classes. The classes are Sundays, October 18 and 25, immediately following worship via Zoom. In these classes, we will explore what it means to be a Presbyterian in general, and 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 a Zoom meeting with the leadership of the church Sunday evening, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. This is a time to meet the officers of the church and for the Session to meet briefly to approve the new class for church membership. Public welcome and recognition of the new members will take place during worship on Sunday, November 15.

Anyone wishing to find out more about joining the church should contact Peggy Berretta in the church office - pberretta@ryepc.com or 967-0842 x11.

**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



The Sesquicentennial Service Challenge

2020 marks the sesquicentennial of our sanctuary. 150 years of people coming in and going out through the doors of our beautiful sanctuary. People come in to find their faith strengthened and renewed as we worship together. People then go out in service to the world beyond our doors.

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join your fellow disciples of Rye Presbyterian Church in the 2020 Sesquicentennial Service Challenge!

The goal: at least 150 minutes of service from every member for every month of 2020.

Please know that ANY volunteer service you do either with the church or in the community COUNTS. If you are giving the gift of your time, it counts. When logging your minutes, you can group your minutes together. You don't need to log each activity separately. Simply total your minutes and then list, as briefly as possible, what activities you did. The two things we are tracking are total number of minutes (not hours), and the variety of activities that people are involved in as they give the gift of their time by volunteering.

Minutes logged thus far: 325,010

TO LOG YOUR MINUTES, GO TO: <https://ryepc.com/150>

Weather Permitting!

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Thrift Shop Open (Outside Only)

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Fun items for one and all!

Selling Procedures

Please remember, details may change. You can help us stay open by being patient and following the rules.

1. **Parking:** You can park on Parsons St. or in the Pre-School lot (the one down the driveway off Milton Road).
2. **Waiting:** There will be no place to wait before we start selling at 10:00 a.m. - please stay in your cars until then.
3. **New goods will be brought out all morning, so there's no need to get there at the open.** We plan to be intentional about this, because of the need to spread people out.
4. **Masks: Worn properly and social distancing** required at all times, even though you are outside.
5. **Limiting Shoppers:** Our space, across from the High School, will be sectioned off. We reserve the right to limit the number of people at any one time, to protect everyone's safety.
6. **No one will be allowed in the building.**
7. **Donations:** You may drop off one - *and only one* - bag/box of donations on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thank you, but we are still short on space!

**THRIFT
SHOP**

PUMPKIN CARVING

Sunday, October 18, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Great Lawn



Join us for our annual Pumpkin Carving event and enjoy a super fun afternoon filled with the carving of pumpkins and great company! Each family will gather on provided and socially-distanced table cloths with their pumpkins and carving tools. Costumes are welcome! No refreshments will be offered this year.

Registration is required - no walk-ins will be allowed. Registration for the event will be found on our website **starting Thursday, October 1, and ending today, Sunday, October 11. Space is limited to 50 people, so please register early (<https://ryepc.com/article/pumpkin-carving-sunday-oct-18/>)!**

Please make sure to wear a mask for the event!
Also, please know that a health check via a sign-in sheet will be required upon arrival.

3Ts

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY AND BE SURE NOT TO MISS THIS ONE!

3 Ts (Third Tuesday at Ten)

Tuesday, October 20,

9:50 a.m. promptly via ZOOM

Topic: SELF-CARE

Not only during these challenging times, but also for all times in the future, it is imperative we take care of ourselves or we cannot effectively care for others!

Don't miss this meaningful, interactive, and informative discussion.

PLEASE RSVP if you plan to join to:

[Jane Mickatavage](#) or [Nancy Steed](#)

Additional details will follow closer to the date

Hoping to "see you" on the 20th.

MIDNIGHT RUN CLOTHES DRIVE

All are invited to help collect clothes to be handed out to people on the streets of NYC by Hitchcock Presbyterian Church as part of Midnight Run! Donated items should be in good condition but do not need to be new. Please collect and donate only the items that are listed below:

- Long sleeve t-shirts
- Short sleeve t-shirts
- Jeans (Sizes 34, 36, 38)
- Sweatshirts & hoodies (Unisex M, L, XL)
- Winter Jackets

We will be accepting donations until Monday, October 19. All donated items can be dropped off in the bins right inside the Parsons Street door near the Assembly Room, which will be open Monday-Friday between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact [Rev. JP](#). Thank you for joining us in supporting our neighbors who are homeless in NYC!

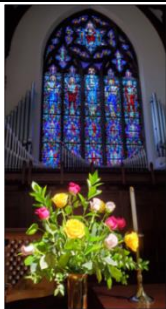
SUNDAY CHANCEL FLOWERS

During this time, you may still make a donation of the Sunday chancel flowers.

Each week beautiful flowers adorn our sanctuary and provide an uplifting reminder of the goodness of God. Please consider honoring the memory of a loved one or recognizing a special occasion for a \$70 donation. The flowers are a blessing to worshippers attending the service live in the sanctuary as well as those attending via ZOOM.

Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin and the weekly email.

To make arrangements, contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@ryepc.com).





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We are a Stephen Ministry church.

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Shepherds' Pipes

1 Deep in the shadows of the past, far out from settled lands,
2 While others bowed to change-less gods, they met a mystery,
3 From Exodus to Pentecost the promise changed and grew,
4 For all the writings that survived, for leaders, long ago,
some nomads traveled with their God across the desert sands.
invisible, without a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
while some, remembering the past, recorded what they knew,
who sifted, copied, and preserved the Bible that we know,
The dawning hope of human-kind by them was sensed and shown:
and by their tents, around their fires in story, song, and law,
or with their letters and laments, their prophecy and praise,
give thanks, and find its story yet our promise, strength, and call,
a promise calling them ahead, a future yet unknown.
they praised, remembered, handed on a past that promised more.
recovered, kindled, and expressed new hope for changing days.
the model of emerging faith, alive with hope for all.

text: Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1994

music: Annabeth McClelland Gay, 1952

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

New Britain

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

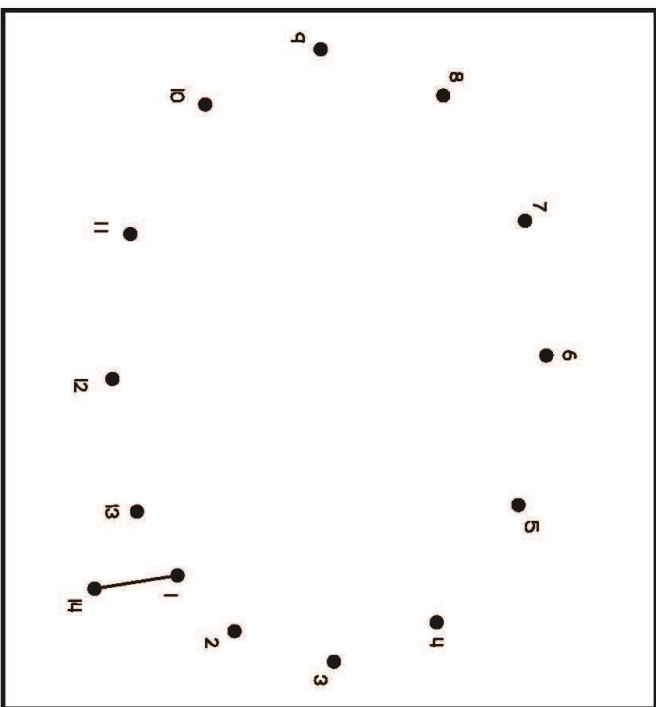
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

text: John Newton (sts. 1-4), 1772; *A Collection of Sacred Ballads* (st. 5), 1790
 music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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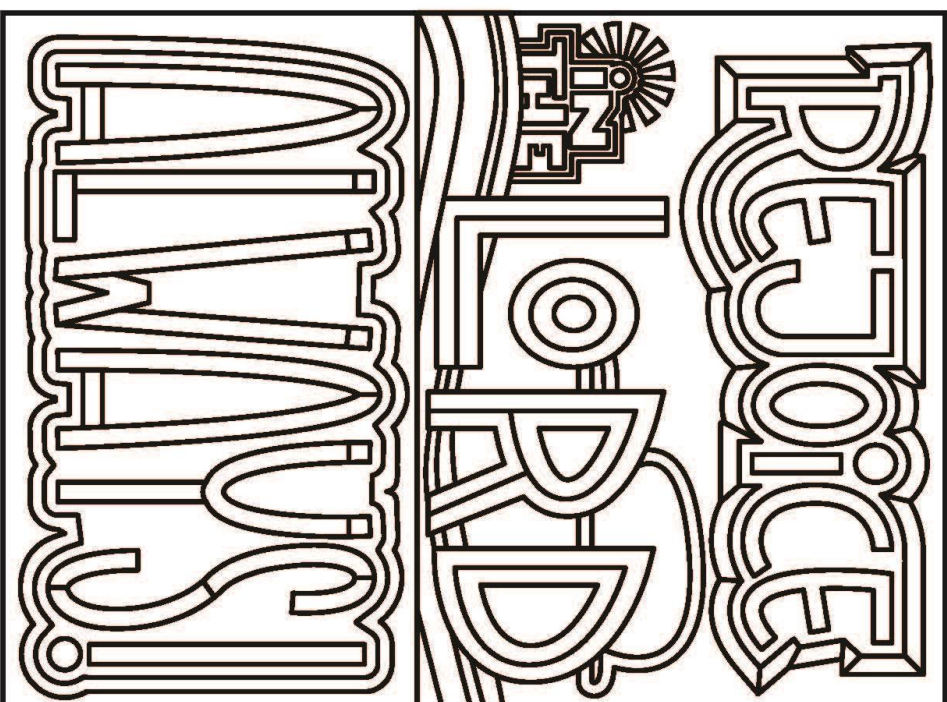
In Psalm 106, we are encouraged to praise God, remember God's love for us, and carry out God's justice. Our words are important for doing all these things! Connect the dots to form a speech bubble. Inside, write or draw one thing you want to praise God for.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4:14, Matthew 22:1-14.





DRAW IT

In Philippians 4, the apostle Paul tells us that instead of worrying, we can pray and tell God all we're worried about. When we do this, we feel God's peace. Draw a picture of something you might be worried about as a form of prayer to God right now.

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Matthew 22: 1-14 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

X N E V A E H A G J E S U S C
 Y K H W D A G E T N D T L V A
 K T Z R E A D Y O P I C X L L
 O C B J D I M Y K R X D M S L
 S K I N G X R G S S X O D D E
 R T Y L Q E J O V C D P H E D
 N O E R V J M J R G V J X N W
 F M J E C M B A N Q U E T J A
 N A O L R F P I V R E N N I D
 C N F B I T K I H G C F I D L
 W Y Q A N R S W R E H T A G B
 G V T R A V A G P J F O V H I X
 E U T A I T S E U G U K N Q E
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| JESUS | WEDDING | EVERYONE |
| PARABLE | BANQUET | GATHER |
| KINGDOM | INVITE | GUEST |
| COMPARE | READY | MANY |
| HEAVEN | DINNER | CALLED |
| KING | STREETS | CHOSEN |

