



For several years now there has been interest and discussion within our congregation about the possibility of adding another worship experience to our weekend schedule. As we embarked on the Imagine Initiative journey we had the opportunity to gather together in groups on several occasions and to have input and feedback about what a third service might look like. More recently an online survey was done as well.

Working in collaboration with our Worship and Music Committee, your church staff has taken all of this information and is excited to say that we have now begun our third worship service. The hope was to have the chapel renovations completed by the start of the fall, but that will not be the case. So watch for details as to where the service will take place. In the meantime, here's what you can expect at this additional service.

Saturday Service at 5

- **What is it?** – The Saturday Service at 5 is Rye Presbyterian Church's new/ additional third worship service. This service allows for those involved in Sunday morning activities elsewhere to participate in worship at another time during the weekend. The third service is at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. It will meet in the newly-renovated Chapel when it is completed.
- **Who is it for?** – Everyone! The service is designed to appeal to all ages. It is "child welcoming," so no child care is provided.
- **What is it like?** – The service is normally about 45-50 minutes in length. The emphasis is on congregational participation. It includes music (which may be accompanied by the piano, organ, or other instruments) and familiar liturgy. The preacher Saturday evening will be the same as for Sunday morning with a similar message across all worship services.
- **What does it include?** – In addition to preaching and music, the service includes Communion each week, except when other rites will be observed. These other experiences might include Baptism, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, or a Service for Wholeness and Healing.
- **What should I wear?** – This is a casual service, so you are encouraged to dress casually. If a child is coming from a game of some sort, they can come in their uniform. It's not about how you look; it's about your presence. The leaders for this service will not be robed, nor will the male leaders wear jackets and ties. So come and be comfortable.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact any one of the four staff members involved – John, Dan, Rachael, or Jason. We are excited to share this new worship experience with you!