



January 18, 2026

"The truth *will* set you free...but not before it's done with you." David Foster Wallace

Prelude

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

God, of love, we come before you open; ready to listen, eager to surrender every stress and situation to you. **We come to receive spiritual healing and renewal.** Spirit of God, we're here to receive what we need to continue this journey that helps us to go within. **We come to deepen understanding of our selves, and life, and Spirit.** Jesus, we're here to learn how to do God's will in a complex world, and in our circles of influence. **Grant us your vision that always accompanies your will, and your direction for our lives.**

***Hymn of Praise #42**

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

Into Your hands, O God, we surrender all that's happened, all that we are, and all we want to become. **We are grateful for your endless understanding and love that accepts us, and coaxes us forward to a better, greater life. Renew our strength and peace. Lead us each day to do your will for goodness' sake. Amen.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God has received every struggle and anxiety we've had into his hands. God takes our souls and spirits into her tender care and offers healing. **The Spirit is our Helper and Counselor, for growth in grace and peace.**

***Response of Praise #695**

Change My Heart, O God

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

God is with us, to bestow the peace that comes from being in the center of God's will. **May the peace of Christ be with us day and night!** Let us bless one another with Christ's peace! The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Ministry of Music

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-42

Message

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #287**

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

vss. 1, 2 3 & 5

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Sharing what God has done in each other's lives is a source of encouragement, and reminds us that faith, and prayer and grace are at work! Please come to the lectern and share your testimony so that everyone may see and hear.

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Prayer Requests

Please come forward to share your request so all may hear.

Prayers of the People

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.

Call to Offering

***Offering Song #710**

We are an Offering

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are
an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You,
we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we
are an offering, we are an offering.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

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***Hymn of Response #745**

Now Go in Joy

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Evan O’Donovan

**If you can stand comfortably, please do so.*

Announcements

Thank you to Linda Anderson and Susan Krivenko for running the projector & camera!

Join our Worship Support Team! For more information; ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.

Coffee Hour Sign-up

We are looking for people to host coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet for the Sunday(s) you'd like to host in the kitchen in Davis Hall.

The Chosen and the Schedule for the Upcoming Months

The gatherings will be held at the manse at 12:30 pm on the following dates. If something should change for the April date, Diane will let us know when it is being rescheduled: February 8 and 15, March 1, 15, and 29, April 12*.

Come Join Us for Chair Yoga

The morning session is on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. The next session will be on Tuesday, January 20th. The evening session is on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The next evening session will be on Thursday, January 22nd. Bring 2 full water bottles to be used as weights or dumbbells if you have them. All are welcome!



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Sara Thode

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lynn H., Michele P., Louise & Teddy, Bernadette, Russell & Purcell families, Lola & family, Barbara, Bill Siocha's friend, Flynn family, Carol DeLuca's cousin & family, Michael, Tom M., Dante B., Portia, Kaiser, Connie J., William S. Jr., Carol & Jake, Sue K., Agnes N. & family, Anne H., Flo, Savannah B. & family, Carole H., Becky, John, Sam, Michael, Sara & Joan P., Mary "Cookie" F., Nicole, Allison, Mary R., Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy

The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street

January 18, 2026
Rev. Ed Hoener
Allison Purcell
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

10:30 A.M.
Pastor
Worship Leader
Administrator
Music Director

**CALL FOR
STATED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

A STATED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY, HEREBY CALLED PURSUANT TO THE BY-LAWS FOR THE CONGREGATION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026, AS PART OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE BUDGET, ELECTING OFFICERS, HEARING REPORTS FROM THE SESSION, HEARING REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS, AND HEARING REPORTS FROM ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH AS APPROPRIATE.

**BY ORDER OF THE SESSION
JANUARY 12, 2025**

**CALL FOR
ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

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**BY ORDER OF THE SESSION
JANUARY 12, 2025**