



October 4, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house will be exalted – and all nations will stream to it. All the peoples will come and say, **“Come, let us go to the house of Yahweh! So, we may learn God's ways and we may walk in God's paths.”** God says, “I will bring all peoples to my holy mountain, and all will be joyful in my house of prayer. On this mountain the Lord will make a feast for them all, and the shroud that is cast over the earth will be destroyed forever. And all the peoples will say, **“This is the One for whom we have waited. Let us be glad and rejoice in God's redemption.”** *(From Isaiah 2 and 25)*

*Hymn of Praise #327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O Lord and Master of my life, release me from despair, and a harmful spirit. Restore to me the spirit of charity, humility, patience, and love. O Spirit, grant me the grace to see my faults and to forgive those of my sisters and brothers. You, O Lord, are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen. *(From a Syrian Christian Prayer)*

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God, with great persistence, patience, and love, pours grace and joy into our souls, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin. **Because we are so loved, we can love others. Because we are forgiven, we can be merciful. Because God is so generous, we can share our gifts with others.** *(Adapted from a Prayer from the Church in Scotland)*

*Response of Praise #650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

vss. 3 & 4

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The peace of Christ soothes our souls, and shapes the way we live. **We seek to share the peace of Christ, wherever we may be.** The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Ministry of Music

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:7-11; 14-19

Message

Pastor Ed

*Hymn of Faith #766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

vss. 1-4

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

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.

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.**

***Hymn of Preparation #515**

I Come with Joy

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table *(Adapted from Prayers from Central America)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(to be prayed responsively):*

Is God the Creator with us? **Yes! God is surely with us!** Is Jesus the Christ among us?
Oh Yes, he is! Is the Spirit here within our hearts? **Oh Yes, She is!** Our God is with us,
and we are God's people! **For God has redeemed us!** God is our Provider, Savior, and
Giver of life! **It is right and our delight to offer thanks and praise!** O God, we thank you
for sending your Son, your perfect image, who brings your kingdom to the world, and reveals
your will. **Through him you have poured out your Spirit, who fills us with light and life!**
(Adapted from a Prayer from Kenya)

The pastor continues in prayer...

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion *(Adapted from a Prayer from Uruguay)*

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.**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements (pg. 4)

***Hymn of Response #770** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* **vss. 1-4**

Charge and Blessing (*Adapted from a Gaelic Prayer*)

Postlude

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Announcements

Thank you to Sara Pender & Cheryl Anne Cammann for running the projector & camera for today's service!

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

Coffee Hour

We want to thank Robin & Al Shipley for providing coffee hour today. In October, the Sunday of the 25th is open. There is a sign-up sheet for the Sunday(s) you'd like to host on the food table in Davis Hall.

FPC Table at Rahway Day

FPC will again have a table at RAHWAY DAY on Saturday, October 17 from 11am-3pm in the Recreation Center. We will need a few people to volunteer to be at our table and greet attendees. If you are willing to volunteer or have questions, please see Selva or Cheryl Anne.

Chair Yoga Has Returned

The next session is Tuesday, October 6th at 9:00 a.m. in Davis Hall. Thursday evening chair yoga will be on October 8th at 6:30 p.m. in Davis Hall.

Food Collection in October

Please remember to bring in canned and boxed food items when you come to Sunday services during the month of October. All items will be brought to our library to stock our pantry. As disciples of Jesus, let us feed the hungry!

Election Day – November 3rd

Once again, Davis Hall will be the voting location for the 2nd Ward residents. As was done for the Primary Election in June, we are asking for volunteers to be present for shifts of no more than 2 hrs. each between 5:00am – 8:00pm to assist with any needs that may arise. Please contact Al Shipley if you would like to be one of the volunteers on election day.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Helene Haith

PRAYER REQUESTS

Laura & family, Tara / accident victims & their families, Helene & her sister, Barbara's family, Jayden, Dante, Doris, Patricia H., Fran, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, William S., Abisiji B., Damilola B., Rosemary B., Bob M., Doug A., Patrick W., Michele P., Louise & Teddy, Barbara, Agnes N. & family, Savannah B. & family, Becky, Sam, Michael, Sara & Joan P., Mary "Cookie" F., Nicole, Allison, Mary R., Helen, Logan, Harper, Dorothy R.

The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street

October 4, 2026
Rev. Ed Hoener
Lauris Beam
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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



**Union Street
RESOURCE CENTER**

Community Garden

**FREE
OCTOBER
EVENTS**

10:00 am - 11:00 am

FREE **October 3**
SEEDLING TRANSPLANTING, MAKE THE GARDEN SCARECROW

October 17
GARDEN TO TABLE, DECORATE PUMPKINS

FREE **October 24**
PLANT MAINTENANCE, HARVESTING, CRAFT PROJECT

All are invited, adults and children.
RSVP is optional.

In cooperation with:



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**October
Food Drive**

As we approach our food collection in October, here is a list of suggested foods to bring.

FYI: we have a lot of canned tuna right now.

Join us helping community in need!

Suggestions for pantry items:

- Black beans - canned or dry
- Pinto beans - canned or dry
- Red beans - canned or dry
- Rice
- Corn tortillas
- Flour tortillas
- Crushed tomatoes canned
- Diced tomatoes canned
- Tomato sauce
- Tomato paste
- Sofrito
- Chipotle peppers canned
- Chilies peppers canned
- Salsa
- Canola oil
- chicken bouillon
- apple cider vinegar
- white vinegar
- Applesauce
- Low sugar cereals like Cheerios
- Cumin
- Mexican oregano
- chili powder
- bay leaves
- garlic powder
- onion powder
- adobo
- Sazon
- Shelfstable milk
- Canned chicken
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Condensed milk
- Evaporated milk

Let's Share & Care



**PINK
OCTOBER
HEALING SERVICE**

Where:
First Presbyterian Church
(1731 Church St) Entrance
on West Grand Ave.

Join the community in a healing service that will lift up those in treatment, survivors, and the families of those that lost loved ones to cancer.

FOR MORE INFO:
Email: office@1stpresrahway.org

OCTOBER 25TH AT 2 PM

**PAINT RAHWAY PINK
LET'S HEAL TOGETHER**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FALL

CHURCH FAMILY DINNER

OCTOBER 18 AT 4 PM

IN DAVIS HALL

POT LUCK DISHES | BYOB |
MUSIC & GAMES

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU CAN BRING