

November 29, 2026

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Prelude Evan O'Donovan

Welcome Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

Loving God, you hold us securely in your hands during all the times of our lives. **You restore our souls. You help us to change and grow**. Jesus, you came to show us a new way to live – a way of justice, and peace, and joy. **We are empowered to serve your movement – your great destiny for the entire world.**

Hymn of Praise #106** ***Prepare the Way, O Zion

Advent Candle Lighting

Scripture Reading

Meditation

The first candle is lit

Unison Prayer:

Dear God, we have much to do, and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

God of Mercy, in the midst of our lives, your presence embraces us and heals us. Yet, sometimes, we don't receive the peace and grace you provide. Sometimes we need help to respond to the opportunities we are given to serve your will. Restore us now, to the life and joy you want for us, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Grace:

God's love is steadily poured out for us! **God's grace steadily reforms our lives, so that we grow as followers of Jesus.**

Response of Praise #698** ***Take, O Take Me as I Am

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

Christ comes to us, bestowing grace and peace. **The Spirit kindles the fire of God's love in our hearts.** We are called to share these gifts with everyone! May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Ministry of Music Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-37

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Message Pastor Ed

Reflecting and Responding

Hymn of Faith #357** ***The Days Are Surely Coming

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.

Advent Call to Offering

A Time for Silent Reflection

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**

Announcements (pg. 4)

Hymn of Response #350 ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** **vss. 1 & 2**

Charge and Blessing

Postlude Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to Rachel Remelgado and William Siocha 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.

A Generous Offer From a Neighbor: Juice Hub

Juice Hub is a locally owned juice, smoothie and açaí bowl shop at 1555 Main Street in Rahway, with additional locations in South Orange and Maplewood. Enjoy smoothies sweetened with dates, fresh-squeezed and cold-pressed juices, and house-made bowl bases. New customers are invited to try their first eligible item for 30% off (up to $5) with code FIRST30. Come visit and find a new favorite!.

Chair Yoga Sessions: Remaining 2026 Dates

December (No Thursday evening sessions):

Tues. 12/1 - 9:00am
Tues. 12/8 - 9:00am
Tues. 12/14 - 9:00am
Tues. 12/21 - 9:00am
Tues. 12/28 - 9:00am

Online Donations

PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK

Andrew J. Roesch & family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joie, Rick P., Ashlyn, Ilanda, Aleya, Madison, Tammy, Beverly, Joyce, Janice, Sue K., Billy H., Miriam & Juan, Laura & family, Tara/accident victims & their families, Jayden, Dante, Doris, Patricia H., Fran, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, William S., Abisiji B., Damilola B., Rosemary B., Bob M., Doug A., Patrick W., 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

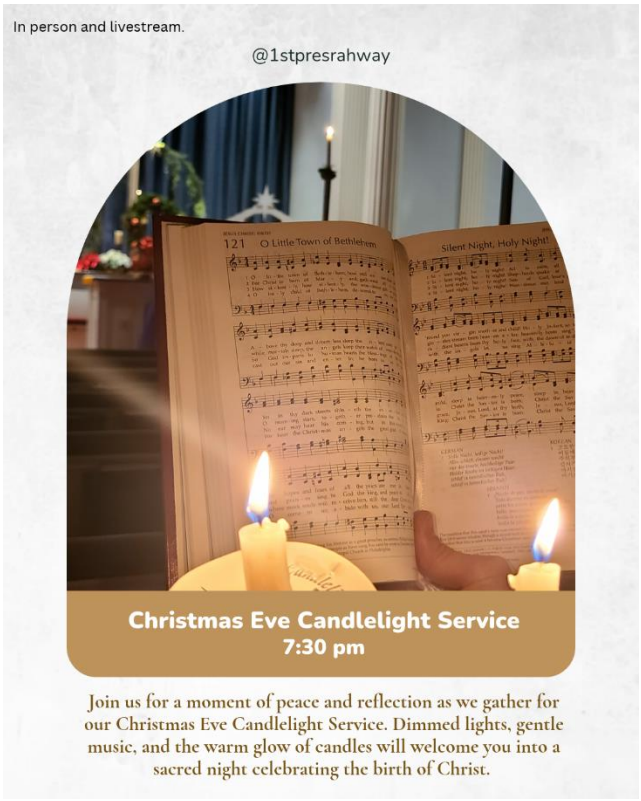
The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway
1731 Church Street

November 29, 2026	10:30 A.M.
Rev. Ed Hoener	Pastor
Scott Nwosu	Worship Leader
Carol Ann Bregman	Administrator
Evan O'Donovan	Music Director

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Union Street
RESOURCE CENTER
Community Garden
December
FREE EVENTS
10:00 am - 11:00 am
FREE
December 12
HARVESTING FALL CROPS, CRAFT PROJECT
December 19
PLANNING FOR SPRING; WINTERIZING GARDEN BEDS
All are invited, adults and children.
RSVP is optional.
FREE
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ADVENT
BRUNCH
WHEN
DATE
13 DECEMBER
11:30 AM
TO 2 PM
TIME
Buffet with authentic holiday flavors
Seasonal delights, hot drinks, and juices
Warm atmosphere and Christmas music
Session will be hosting the event. If you would like to
make a monetary donation, please see
Sue Krivenko-Williams or Cheryl Anne Cammann


In person and livestream.
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
7:30 pm
Join us for a moment of peace and reflection as we gather for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Dimmed lights, gentle music, and the warm glow of candles will welcome you into a sacred night celebrating the birth of Christ.


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