



Advent

The Season of Hope and Expectation

HOPE

PEACE

JOY

LOVE

November 30, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

Great, loving God, you hold us in your hands in 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 great design – your great destiny for the world.**

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Reading

Lighting the Candle

Unison Prayer:

O God, who brings peace to us like a river, help us to receive Your words of promise. Come, God with us, to transform our lives and our world. In every dark night, shine the radiance of Your light. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #93

Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

Merciful God, in the midst of our lives, You hold us and heal us. Yet there are times when your peace and grace elude us. Help us to respond in the power of the Spirit to the opportunities we are given to serve You. Restore us now, to the life, and joy You desire for us, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

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

*Response of Praise #742

We Will Walk with God

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

Jesus is here among us, imparting grace! The Spirit is here among us, bestowing divine love. **God is here, giving us peace in our inmost being! Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!**

Ministry of Music

Scripture Reading

Matt. 24:36-44

Message

Pastor Ed

*Hymn of Faith #470

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

*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; 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.**

Our Mission

Presentation

Reflection

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 #62**

Love the Lord Your God

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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

Announcements

Thank you to Rachel Remelgado & William Siocha for running the projector & camera!

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

Chair Yoga

The Chair Yoga sessions have begun. The morning session is on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., the next session will be on Tuesday, December 2. The evening session will be on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. **STARTING** on Thursday, December 4th. Come join us ... all are welcome, bring 2 full water bottles to be used as weights or dumbbells if you have them.

Holiday Coffee Hour at the Manse

Ed & Diane invite you to the manse on Sunday, December 14, following worship. Dozens and dozens of cookies will be available for your taste-testing! Evan has arranged for a musical guest to attend as well!

Rahway's Best Holiday Events

We have been invited to attend and participate in two upcoming December events: 1) Pictures with Santa on Saturday, December 13th, from 4 pm – 6 pm, and 2) Fundraising Breakfast with the Grinch on Saturday, December 20th, from 9 am – 11 am. The Union Street Resource Center will be receiving half the proceeds of this event, which will go toward building operations. Speak to Cheryl Anne if you would like to volunteer to help.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Carmen Davies

PRAYER REQUESTS

Simpson & Hartlaub families, the Ross, Hoener, & Pender families, Dante B., Portia, Kaiser, William S. Jr., Carol & Jake, Roberta D., Edna, Sue K., Agnes N. & family, Anne H., Flo, Leo & family, Mike & family, 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

November 30, 2025
Rev. Ed Hoener
Gail Anderson
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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