



February 22, 2026

“Listening to Jesus is about being born again...dying to an old way of being, and being born into a new way of being. Dying to an old identity and being born into a new identity in God, in the Spirit, in Christ. This is what a Lenten journey is about.” Marcus Borg

Prelude #777

How Long, O Lord vss. 1-2

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, You come to us with guidance and strength to help us make our way through life.

Holy Spirit, you, are always at work to help us overcome the challenges we face within ourselves, and the ones we meet in the world. We give thanks, Holy Spirit, for patiently and lovingly working with us and within us. **Help us to receive the gifts we need to match God's purposes for us, and our neighbor.**

***Hymn of Praise #630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, you know us so well and love us so much! We thank you for always having faith in who we are becoming. Forgive us when we lose sight of your vision of righteousness and love. Move among us now, so that we may be restored and renewed by the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God is ever present, to forgive and heal and strengthen us for life in the Spirit. **With open hearts, we receive these gifts, so that we may faithfully follow Jesus!**

***Response of Praise #814**

In God Alone

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

God is the source of the unique capacities that help us to live into the kind of peace God desires for all the world. **We long to expand and use those gifts in our daily lives.** Peace be with you all! **And also with you, and with all humankind!**

Scripture Reading

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Ministry of Music #519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Message

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #44**

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

*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.

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**

Announcements (pg. 4)

***Hymn of Response #747**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Evan O'Donovan

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

Announcements

Thank you to Sara Pender and 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.

Mugs of Love Delivery, February 23rd @ 1 pm

We will be delivering the Mugs of Love to the residents of the Case Apartments on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD at 1:00pm**. Anyone wishing to join us, please meet at the church at 12:30 pm so we can carpool as parking may be limited.

Chair Yoga: All are Welcome to Join Us

The morning session is on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. The next session will be on Tuesday, February 24th. The evening session is on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The next evening session will be on Thursday, February 26th.

Sharing Stories & Experiences w/Luncheon

This will be a time for sharing and discernment that will be held on **Sunday, March 1st at 10:30 am in Davis Hall**. We will gather in several small groups, each led by a Session member, who will draw upon our stories and responses regarding our experiences in our church family. During this time, there will be some prayers, songs, and reflections, with a catered **luncheon**, and we will close our time with a service of Communion.

The Chosen

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: March 1, 15, and 29, April 12*.

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.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Barbra Maskarinetz

PRAYER REQUESTS

Robin S., Patrick W., Lynn H., Miriam M., 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**

February 22, 2026
Rev. Ed Hoener
Ashley Nyambi
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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