

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
RAHWAY, NJ

*Welcome*

MAY THIS BE A PLACE OF PEACE,  
RENEWAL, AND CONNECTION AS WE  
GATHER TO SEEK GOD TOGETHER.

April 12, 2026

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Prelude #290

*O Day of Joy and Wonder! vs. 1*

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

**Call To Worship:**

Jesus, risen Lord, You come to us providing grace and peace to help us to live in light of Your resurrection. **We lift our minds, hearts, and lives to you. Help us to grow in this faith.** Jesus, Your Spirit strengthens us day by day to walk in Your ways. **Following You, we can experience a new, spiritually empowered life.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #233**

*The Day of Resurrection!*

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Reconciliation:**

**Holy Spirit, You continually probe our hearts for the places that need healing, so that we can receive new life. Help us to receive Your forgiveness, renewal, comfort, and joy. Amen.**

*Silent Prayers*

**Assurance of Grace:**

God's mercy and grace free us for loving God and neighbor. **We are equipped to carry on Christ's ministry on earth.**

**\*Response of Praise #382**

*Heaven is Singing for Joy*

**vss. 1-3**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

Jesus, the risen Christ, promises *his* peace, to us. **His peace upholds us and strengthens our hearts!** Peace be with you! **And also with you!**

**Ministry of Music #259**

*The God of Heaven*

Evan O'Donovan

**Scripture Reading**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

**Message**

Pastor Ed

**\*Hymn of Faith #246**

*Christ is Alive!*

**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.*

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

## 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 #699

#### *Fill My Cup*

#### Charge and Blessing

#### Postlude #318

#### *In Christ There Is No East or West* vss. 1 & 3

Evan O'Donovan

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## **Announcements**

**Thank you to Scott Nwosu and Linda Anderson for running the projector & camera!**

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

### **The Chosen - TODAY**

We will meet at the manse at 12:30 pm.

### **Wheatina Park Clean-Up, April 25th**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Friends of Wheatina Park is coming up, organized by the Rahway Garden Club, on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> between 10 am – 1 pm. Everyone will meet at the Wheatina Park sign on the corner of Elizabeth Ave. and West Grand. All supplies will be provided. Rain date: May 2.

### **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 on the food table in Davis Hall.

### **Rahway's Best Events**

Rahway's Best has events that might be of interest to our families: Best Hoops "Pass Me the Ball" Basketball sessions (registration w/fee required) are being held now through April 24<sup>th</sup>; and enrollment for their Summer Camp is now open (registration w/fee required). For more information, please call or text: 732- 381-1933.



**Online Donations**

### ***PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK***

Russihon Daye

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Hoener & Pender families, Abisiji B., Damilola B., Rosemary B., Bob M., Cheryl Anne, Doug A., Robin S., Patrick W., Lynn H., Michele P., Louise & Teddy, Barbara, Carol & Jake, Sue K., Agnes N. & 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**

April 12, 2026  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
Anne Siocha  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O'Donovan

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

# How to support 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian on social media!

When you see our account



First Presbyterian Church of Rahway, NJ

Scroll down to the end of the post and  
click to "like"!



Look out for these icons!



Also, at the end of the post, you will see a  
button that says "comment."



Click on it and type out your response!  
Let us know your thoughts!

# Why it matters...

Liking and commenting on social media posts involves clicking a button (typically a heart, thumbs-up, or similar icon), to signify appreciation, agreement, or support for content. It serves as a quick, low-effort way to boost engagement, show approval, and the more engagement we have, the more likely our posts will be shared with others!

Help our church become more of a community!

