



September 27, 2026

Prelude #53

O God, Who Gives Us Life vs. 1

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

Jesus, your love and mercy are perpetually, and freely given. **You accept us completely, and shoulder our burdens with us.** You help us to find peace and strength in your Spirit. **Spirit of grace, every day, you help us to live faithfully. You fill our hearts with love and peace.**

***Hymn of Praise #630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

vss. 1, 2 & 4

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, we thank you for being here to quiet the things that unsettle us. Thank you, O Christ, for being here to redirect us when we lose sight of your way. Help us to keep in step with the bounds that bind us to your love. Renew in us your power, for living aligned with your purposes. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

You love us, O God, with an everlasting love. You believe in us, and in our potential for growth. **We receive your gifts with thanksgiving. We place our lives and our service in your hands.**

***Response of Praise #405**

Praise God for This Holy Ground

vs. 3

The Service of Baptism

The Opening Address

The Presentation:

The Affirmations

Affirmation of the Congregation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism and Anointing

The Candle Lighting

The Welcome (unison):

We welcome you, Robert Lewis, into the life of this church. We rejoice in your new birth, in water and the Spirit, and in the grace of Jesus Christ already at work in your life. We join you in seeking God's word, and God's presence, in life and in the world, so that we will grow *together* in discipleship and in love.

***Hymn of Response #482**

Baptized in Water

vs. 3

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

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

Christ is the source of true peace. **He is the one whose love lights the way to shalom.**
May his grace and peace reside within you. **And also with you.**

Scripture Reading

Phil. 2:1-8, 12-13

Ministry of Music #509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Evan O'Donovan

Message

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #767**

Together We Serve

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 #743**

O God, You Are My God

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #800

Sometimes a Light Surprises vs. 1

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to Cheryl Anne Cammann & Rachel Remelgado 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

NO 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, September 29th at 9:00 a.m. in Davis Hall. Thursday evening chair yoga will be on October 1st 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

Levi Knippel

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

September 27, 2026
Rev. Ed Hoener
Diana Nwosu
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF RAHWAY, NJ

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@1stpreshway.org

OCTOBER 25TH AT 2 PM

PAINT RAHWAY PINK

LET'S HEAL TOGETHER