



January 26, 2025

“The call to Jesus’ followers is to be sign producers for God’s kingdom. We are to set up signposts; *actions*, symbols, *not just words* - which speak of new creation: healing the sick, food for the hungry, and so on. These are rewarding tasks, but they are also demanding. To do them we will need the presence of Jesus, and the powerful breath of his Spirit. That is what we are *promised*.” N.T Wright

Prelude

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Elder Susan Krivenko

Call To Worship:

Spirit of God, present among us, quiet our hearts, and prepare us for your transforming work within. **Help us to receive all that heals and restores our souls.**

Gracious God, giver of extraordinary gifts, expand and enlarge our capacity to receive and use the gifts we have. Work with us toward greater stature in the Spirit. **With your grace, we will do your will, employing our hands, hearts, and voices; to serve your mission.**

***Hymn of Praise #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

God of mercy, your compassion for us in all the situations of our lives is endless. In Christ, our awareness and capacity for living by the Spirit is increased. In your presence this morning, we welcome your healing, forgiveness, and unconditional love. We receive your gifts this morning and pledge to use them for your purposes, and to further your mission.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

O God, with gratitude, we have received your gracious provision for us this morning. **Living in the Spirit, we are always growing in faith and service to God's kingdom.**

***Response of Praise #155**

Raise a Song of Gladness

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

A new day has arisen! Christ, the light of the world has come; breathing peace and grace for us to receive! God is here to bestow the peace that comes from being in the center of God's will. **May the peace of Christ be with us day and night!** Let us bless one another with Christ's peace saying, The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Ministry of Music

Evan O'Donovan

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Scripture Reading

I Cor. 12:4-11; 27-31

Message

Elder Krivenko

*Hymn of Faith #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Now is a time to share something that happened, or that touched someone, or made a difference in some way. It is recounting how God's presence, love, and care are experienced in one's life. Please come to the lectern so that everyone may see and 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

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*Hymn of Response #542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Evan O'Donovan

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Announcements

Thank you to *William Siocha & Princeton Nwosu* 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 Season 4

Here are the dates for "The Chosen" Season 4 for the first part of 2025.

I hope you are able to join in the discussion! - Diane

February 23; March 16; none in April; May 18; June 8

Souper Bowl of Caring Coming in February

You can begin bringing in items the 1st Sunday in February; the collection will continue through the month. More details to follow during our worship service's announcements.

Congregational & Corporation Meeting: Sunday, February 9, 2025

We will be holding our annual meeting on Sunday, February 9th, following our worship service. We invite you to participate/get involved in this important meeting as we review the church's accomplishments in 2024, elect officers, and conduct other church business. We hope to see you there!

Next Manse Fireside Chat @ 7 pm is in February on Friday, the 28th.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK

Clemens family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ada, Kathy, Barbara O. & family, Major A. & family, Carole H., LJ & Corinne, Helen, Logan, Harper, Eileen P., Alyne B., Helene & Diane, Eunice - Barbra & Dave, Dorothy R., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.

The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street

January 26, 2025
Elder Susan Krivenko
Anga Nyambi
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Evan O'Donovan

10:30 A.M.
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**CALL FOR
STATED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

A STATED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY, IS HEREBY CALLED PURSUANT TO THE BY-LAWS FOR THE CONGREGATION IS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE BUDGET, ELECTING OFFICERS, HEARING REPORTS FROM THE SESSION, HEARING REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS, AND HEARING REPORTS FROM ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH AS APPROPRIATE.

**BY ORDER OF THE SESSION
JANUARY 13, 2025**

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