



February 16, 2025

"Prayer is meant to grow us. Every divine encounter holds the possibility of transforming us a bit more. Genuine prayer is risky. It changes us, and we are never sure what that change might be." Joyce Rupp

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Prelude

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

God is the Source of a power that works within us, transforming us from within. **We are continually being changed so that we can live a Christ-like life.** Jesus is the Source of wisdom and insight that helps us to navigate a better way through life. **He is “our Guide and Friend.” He leads the way to new and abundant life.**

*Hymn of Praise #612

We Praise You, O God

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, You love us so deeply, even when we turn aside from Your ways. You do so because Your great desire is to heal us, and help us to grow as followers. Help us now, to surrender our lives into Your hands. Keep teaching us how to become the community You have created us to be. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

God is always present to help us heal, and make progress in our spiritual journeys.
God is the Source of all we need to learn and grow in the life of faith.

*Response of Praise #695

Change My Heart, O God

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

God knows the plans he has for us - plans for peace and a future and a hope. Jesus promises his peace to us – a peace that is not of this world. **Let us share God’s peace with one another!**

Scripture Reading

Matt. 5:13-20

Message

Pastor Ed

*Hymn of Faith #767

Together We Serve

Prayers of the People

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

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**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (all are welcome to stay)

***Hymn of Response #749**

Come! Live in the Light!

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*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

There will be a *Faith Formation for Families* meeting on February 22nd @ 10:30 am.

Town Hall Meetings

Beginning on February 23rd, we will be starting "Town Hall" meetings which will be held on the last Sunday of every month. These will be offered so that our congregation will be informed about what's going on in the life of the church, and to provide the opportunity for questions and concerns to be expressed. This is another way that the "Wisdom from Within" and "Instant Replay" initiatives (from our Firebird Spirit seminar), can be recalled on a regular basis.

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

You can bring in items through February. Please place them on the tables to the left of the altar. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to 'First Presbyterian Church' and write 'Souper Bowl' in the memo.

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



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Robin Shivers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pete S., Portia G., Carole & the Huntley family, Michele P., Daphne P., Gary, Kip, Harold, Kevin, Linda, Sue, Jim's family, Ada, Kathy, Barbara O. & family, Major A. & family, LJ & Corinne, Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Eunice - Barbra & Dave, Dorothy R., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Alyne B., Carlos B., Savannah B.

The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street

February 16, 2025
Rev. Ed Hoener
Elder Al Shipley
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10:30 A.M.
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**CALL FOR
STATED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 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**

**CALL FOR
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