



February 2, 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

Prelude *You are Worthy of My Praise* by David Ruiz

Welcome Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

God of mercy, we come as we are, seeking renewal and restoration. **You lift every burden from our souls.** God of grace, we come seeking to experience the life that is new and everlasting. **You are the Source of everything we need to live in the Spirit.**

***Hymn of Praise #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* vss. 1 & 3

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

O God, we thank you for meeting us and loving us as we are. You eagerly reach for us, with the help we need to make progress in our lives. Deepen our awareness of Your presence and power, to help us through our struggles, and open our hearts to receive it. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

Grace and peace come to us from the One Who believes in our potential. **Following Jesus, we experience growth in spirit and truth.**

***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

Luke 5:36-39

Ministry of Music

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Message

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* vss. 1, 3 & 4

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Hearing about what God has done in each other's lives is a source of encouragement, and affirms the reality of faith, and prayer and grace. Please come to the lectern and share your testimony so that everyone may see and 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.

*Hymn of Preparation #530

One Bread, One Body

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

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 #741

Guide My Feet (Stand By Me, Search My Heart)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Announcements

Thank you to *Princeton Nwosu & 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.

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 the month of February. Please place them on the tables to the left of the altar.

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 PERSON OF THE WEEK

Alyne Borst

PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Carlos B., Savannah B.

The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street

February 2, 2025
Rev. Ed Hoener
Deacon Gail Anderson
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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



**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**

**CALL FOR
ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

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