



March 23, 2025

"The Dream is to remember who we are and what matters most to us in the midst of chaos and conflict, to hold ourselves to a higher standard of engagement than the culture in which we live, and to love in ways that mystify our neighbors on the chance it will do a little good." Barbara Brown Taylor

Prelude #752

Dona nobis pacem

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, you are an ever-present help in all the times of our lives. Your Spirit gives strength and equips us to live as Your people. **We give thanks for the ways that your Spirit bestows those gifts for our ministries to each other, and our neighbors in the world.** Jesus, you have taught us how to share what we've received. You taught us how to build up other people with love. **This is how the world can know that we are your disciples.**

*Hymn of Praise #38

To Bless the Earth

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

Loving God, Your great desire is to make our lives and hearts righteous again. Reveal what needs healing in us. Restore our spirits. Rekindle Your love and grace in us, so that we may live in ways that commend Your message, and Your mission for our world. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God's love for us never ends. God's grace keeps working to reform and transform our lives. **We welcome God's working within. We want our capacity to increase, for living fruitful lives. Thanks be to God!**

*Response of Praise #748

Go with Us, Lord

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Light has shined in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **We are gathered together, so that the Spirit may illumine the ways that lead to life, and peace, for all people.** This is the peace Christ has come to provide. **This is the peace we share together, and with our neighbor.** Peace be with us all! **And also with you!**

Scripture Reading

Phil. 1:3-6; 9-11

Ministry of Music #798

All with Joyful Exultation

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Message

Pastor Ed

*Hymn of Faith #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

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.

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 #849 *Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to Sara Pender & Cheryl Anne Cammann for running the projector & camera!
Join our Worship Support Team! For more information; ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.



Next Town Hall meeting will be on Sunday, March 30th.

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



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Robert Pender

PRAYER REQUESTS

Malczuk family, Carlos Browne & family, Mary Ann R., Pat & family, Lauris & Cindy, Pete S., Michele P., Daphne P., Barbara O. & family, Major A. & family, LJ & Corinne, Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Alyne B., Savannah B.

**The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway
1731 Church Street**

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Rev. Ed Hoener
Anne Siocha
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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