



March 30, 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 #183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler vss. 1+ 4

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

Gracious Spirit of God, You hold each of us, and all of us in this congregation, in all the times of our lives. **You restore our souls. You help us to change and grow.** Jesus, You have shown us a new way to live – a way of faith, justice, peace, and service. **We are empowered to serve Your mission; Your great design for living, which simply is to love God and neighbor as ourselves.**

*Hymn of Praise #694

Great God of Every Blessing

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

O God, with steadfast love, You provide the grace and strength we need to follow Christ. Yet, sometimes, we struggle to embrace and embody the ways of life he taught. Sometimes we need Your help to respond to the opportunities we are given to serve Your will. Restore us now, to the way of life and ministry You have prepared for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God's love is steadfast, unconditional, and enthusiastic towards us! **God's grace steadily reforms our lives, so that we will grow as Christ's disciples, and walk in his ways.**

*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!**

Ministry of Music #177

I Will Come to You

Evan O'Donovan

Special Meditation

Pastor Ed

TOWN HALL MEETING

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.**

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

**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 #737**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

vss. 1, 2 & 4

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #184

Calm to the Waves

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to *Princeton Nwosu & Susan Krivenko* for running the projector & camera!
Join our Worship Support Team! For more information; ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.



TODAY: Town Hall Meeting during worship.

Next Manse Fireside Chat @ 7 pm is in April on Friday, the 11th.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK

Eric & Tara Crowley & family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alyne B., 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, Savannah B.

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

March 30, 2025
Rev. Ed Hoener
Elder Al Shipley
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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