



*Frenchtown Presbyterian Church*

*April 14, 2019 10 a.m. Worship*

*Palm Sunday*

*If you are visiting, please sign the guest book at the back of the church.*

*If you are a first time visitor, we have a small welcome gift for you. Please let an usher or the Pastor know you are here.*

*The \* indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you. All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

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**God Gathers Us in Love**

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL *The Lord is Coming Today*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:28-40

\*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

\***Hosanna in the highest!**

\* HYMN #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deliver us O God from the grip of our fears. At the start of this Holy Week as we set our feet and our hearts on the path to the cross; we know it is so costly to follow Jesus.

**Hosanna! Save us, O God!**

Save us, O God from our fear-filled ways. When we fear that humbling ourselves, would be seen by others as weakness, or some kind of defect in our character.

**Hosanna! Save us, O God!**

There are people we find it difficult to love. There are places we do not wish to go. We find it hard to speak of our faith. Yet we are attracted to Jesus and want to be disciples. Help us develop the self-discipline we need to follow Jesus, that we may not grow weary or lose heart.

**Hosanna! Save us, O God!**

Forgive our cowardice, and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to you. O God we want to be faithful.

**Hosanna! Save us, O God!**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news that God sent Jesus into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Those who place their faith in the Lord are blessed. Let us share this blessing with those around us as we pass the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*All exchange signs and words of God's peace.*

HYMN #591 *Halle, Halle!*

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah!  
Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(afterward children may leave for kid's program)

**God Speaks to Us Through God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, as we come to the Scriptures today, open our hearts that we may hear Your Word afresh, and respond, as willing disciples, so that we may to serve you in the world that you loved so much. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

ANTHEM

*The Lord is Coming Today!*

MESSAGE

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\* HYMN #197 (verses 1,3)

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love**

\*HYMN #772

*Live into Hope*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**PALM**  
*Sunday*

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

Our church will collect for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), a special offering of PC(USA), on Palm Sunday and Easter. Fish banks are for the kids to collect loose change over the next few weeks as part of the OGHS offering. There are also OGHS envelopes in the pews if you would like to make a donation.

A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need here and around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. **Please return fish banks by Easter.**

**Summer Mission Trip**

This year's mission trip will be in support of the Cumberland Neighborhood Housing Services in Cumberland, Maryland. The trip will run from July 28 - August 3, 2019.

We will be volunteers with their NAILS program. From their website:

"NAILS" is not an acronym. It is the name of a Mission Program that utilizes donations of supplies and funds, as well as volunteer labor to repair and improve local homes so that homeowners can live comfortably and safely in their home for as long as possible. The program specifically emphasizes assisting those with mobility impairments and health and safety concerns, as well as those in financial or dire need."

Volunteers are requested to commit by the end of April. All questions can be directed to Peter Gordon at [pmg012469@yahoo.com](mailto:pmg012469@yahoo.com) or 908-229-6835.



**EGG DONATIONS**

WE NEED YOU, FPC families...we need pre-filled EGGS for our Easter Egg Hunt that will be held after the 9:30am Easter Service. All donations can be left in the kitchen. Thank you in advance!

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a body of believers in Jesus Christ the Lord that strives to be a living reflection of God's love. We come together to confirm our individual faith while spreading the message of hope and love by serving those in need through mission and outreach.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### EVENTS DURING THE WEEK – April 15-21

#### Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30  
Girl Scouts, 4-5:30pm

#### Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am  
Senior community outreach, 11:30am  
Boy Scouts, 7:30pm  
AA meeting, 8pm

#### Wednesday

Low Impact Senior Aerobics, 9:15-10:30, 11-12pm  
Women's AA Meeting, 9:30 am in Memorial Parlor  
Bible study, 9am  
AA Meeting 7:30pm

#### Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am  
Senior Yoga, 9:15-10:30  
Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7pm  
Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm

#### Friday

Alanon meeting 12-1pm  
Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7pm

#### Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am  
AA Meeting 7pm

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Please continue to pray for those on the prayer request list. If you would like to receive the prayer list by email or if you have any

prayer requests please contact Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884 or email him at [kennyg12@ptd.net](mailto:kennyg12@ptd.net)

**DEACON OF THE MONTH** - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884**, if you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs other assistance from the Deacons.

#### STRIKE OUT HUNGER SOFTBALL GAME

This year's annual softball game between the Milford Mayhem and the Frenchtown Frenzy to benefit the food pantries of Frenchtown and Milford has been expanded to a tournament this year! Mark your calendars for Strike Out Hunger NJ Softball Tournament on May 4th at Riegel Ridge Community Center in Holland Township. Teams from Holland, Clinton, Flemington and Alexandria will join in with the Mayhem and the Frenzy -and all to benefit the food pantries. We need players and we need volunteers to help collect the food donations! Please see the website for more details: [www.StrikeOutHungerNJ.org](http://www.StrikeOutHungerNJ.org) or contact Presbyterian Church of Milford at (908) 995-2481 or [StrikeOutHungerNJ@gmail.com](mailto:StrikeOutHungerNJ@gmail.com)

#### Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is collecting hams for Easter. If you are willing to donate your free ham from Shop Rite please have to the church no later than TODAY. Also, next Sunday is pantry Sunday, some items needed are mayo, fresh or canned fruit, and potatoes. Please call Helen if you have any questions at 610-294-9623.

#### Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner

We will be hosting a fundraiser dinner at the church to support the Mission Trip this year. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th for a delicious smoked pork/pulled pork dinner! More details to follow, but please come and bring your friends - it promises to be a meal you won't quickly forget. Anyone who would like to help, please be in touch with the Mission & Outreach elders, Maureen Breiner, Bill Penyak or Barbara Huey.

### **FPC Concert Series**

Save the Date(s) for two more performances in the Frenchtown Presbyterian Concert series. The first concert will feature The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble on **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00** p.m. They will perform their spring concert "The Storm Shall Pass" featuring music of turmoil and solace.

Then, on **May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00** we will feature the Mother Jones Brass Quintet. The Mother Jones Brass Quintet is an all-female brass quintet based out of the Lehigh Valley, PA. They perform a variety of both sacred and secular music, and for this concert will feature many patriotic favorites in honor of Memorial Day.

### **Meals on Wheels needs your help!**

As one of the last meal delivery programs in New Jersey to depend solely on volunteer drivers, new drivers are always needed. By committing approximately two hours, once a month, you can make a big difference in the lives of Hunterdon County's homebound seniors by delivering hot, nutritious meals. For more information call Meals on Wheels at 908-284-0735, visit their website at [mowih.org](http://mowih.org), or email [info@mowih.org](mailto:info@mowih.org). Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. is a small, private, non-profit charitable agency serving approximately 220 homebound seniors every weekday throughout Hunterdon County. Our mission is to help the homebound elderly/disabled maintain their independence and support their nutritional health

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 14, Palm Sunday - regular service times, 8AM and 10AM.

April 18, Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM, Communion will be served.

April 19, Good Friday - 7:00 PM

### **April 21, EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

6:00 AM - Sunrise Service at the Milford Presbyterian Ballfield

8:00 AM - Communion Service

9:30 AM - Family service with Easter Egg hunt (no communion)

11:00 AM - Traditional service, Choir Music (no communion)