

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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8:00 A.M. with Communion & 10:00 A.M. with Kid's Communities

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Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2019 10 a.m. Worship

2nd Sunday of Eastertide



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.

God Gathers Us in Love

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Bread of Life from Heaven

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Springtime changes are bursting forth around us.

The earth awakens from winter with a wondrous display of color.

The cycle of living and dying continues. As it has for ages past and for ages to come.

Lent has passed, and the celebration of Easter Sunday is over.

But the message of new life, new awakenings, and new possibilities remains with us.

Glory to God! Alleluia!

*SPECIAL MUSIC (PRAISE BAND) *I Am*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Hymn #695 Change My Heart, O God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious Source of Life, we do not always accept the new growth within us. We confess that often we do not see the beauty that is in the world for us to enjoy. do not recognize the love that is offered to us each day.

are too busy with our own tasks to see if they fit into God's plan.

do not want the newfound joy, for then we may no longer pity ourselves.

are afraid to risk, to turn the corner, to empty the cup, to dance.

Forgive us, O God, and help us accept your gift of resurrection. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again. In Christ we are made new!

Alleluia! 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 (children may leave for kid's program)

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit, enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of life— Jesus Christ— our Lord and our God. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

* SPECIAL MUSIC (PRAISE BAND)

I Can Only Imagine

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN #647

Give Thanks

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

As Christ was offered in obedience to you, O God, we offer ourselves and our gifts to be used in your service.

As you took Christ's sacrifice and filled it with your life and power, use our gifts and transform our lives, that we may be the living presence of your reign on earth, now and always.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love

* SPECIAL MUSIC (PRAISE BAND)

The River

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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 29-May 5

Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30

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

Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday

Alanon meeting 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

Next Sunday

Pot luck Luncheon, 11:30am

Soft ball game for hunger, 2pm

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.

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

Strick out Hunger Softball game

Come root on the Frenchtown Frenzy! This year's softball benefit game has been expanded to a four team tournament from Frenchtown, Milford, Holland and Alexandria. Games will be held at Riegel Ridge Community Center and entrance to the game is an item or two to benefit the food pantries in Milford and Frenchtown. Saturday, May 4th - rain date, Sunday, May 5th.

Game 1 @ 1:30-3:30 semi final game, teams TBA

Game 2 @ 3:30-5:30 semi final game, teams TBA

Championship Game @ 6:00 pm. More information can be found at <https://www.strikeouthungernj.org>. Contact Rob Ross for information about playing (we need YOU!), or your Mission & Outreach elders about helping out at the game.

Pot-Luck Luncheon

Come enjoy the diverse cultures in our own community. Join us TODAY after the 10:00am service, for fellowship and good food. It's an international pot luck. Make a dish from your culture and bring to share. Sign up on the "I can do board" to confirm we do not have duplicate dishes. Any questions see Dave or Jen Griffith or call Jen at 908-625-2943

Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner

Want to support our summer Mission trip to Maryland this summer? We would love to have you join us from July 28th -Aug 3rd, but if you can't..... please c'mon out for a delicious pulled pork dinner on Sunday, May 19th! Join us anytime between from 4-6:30 pm - \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-17, under age 5 free! Bring a friend or neighbor please, and enjoy a feast and friendship! If you can, please bring a dessert to share. Anyone who would like to help, please be in touch with Mission & Outreach elders, Maureen Breiner, Bill Penyak or Barbara Huey.

FPC Concert Series

Today at 4:00 p.m. The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble will perform "The Storm Shall Pass" featuring music of turmoil and solace. Then, on **May 26th 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.

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 or 908-229-6835.



Deacon Breakfast

Come meet your Deacon! Deacons will be sponsoring a breakfast on May 19th. Join them in Fellowship Hall and introduce yourselves, let us know about what is happening in your life! It starts at 8:30am and will go until the 10:00am service.