

## 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 7, 2019 10 a.m. Worship

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 (based on Psalm 126)

The Lord has made a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters.

**God is doing a new thing!**

Our mouths will be filled with laughter, our tongues with shouts of joy.

**God is doing a new thing!**

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**God is doing a new thing!**

May those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy.

**God is doing a new thing!**

Come, our Lenten journey continues...

\* Hymn #54

*Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,

**forgive us for holding so tight to our own agendas that we let go of your call to love.**

Help us instead to let go of to-do lists and anxiety,



**so that we can hold onto you.**

Help us to let go of the need for certainty,

**so that we can hold onto you.**

Help us let go of fear and comparison,

**so that we can hold onto you.**

**Cultivate in us faithful spirits – hearts with compassion enough to choose one another and wills strong enough to make the sacrifice. Forever grateful, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the Good News; in Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven. Friends, even among us, sinners though we are, God is doing a new thing!

**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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Moving Spirit, come to this place and fill our hearts with your wisdom. Move among us and inspire us to respond to your Word. Amen.**

EPISTLE Psalm 126

ANTHEM *Surely, He Has Borne Our Grievs*

GOSPEL John 12:1-8

MESSAGE

**God Calls Us to Respond**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #506 (verses 1,4) *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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

\* HYMN #771 *What Is The World Like (alternate tune)*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bread of Life from Heaven*

POSTLUDE

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### 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 were 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 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 to church on Palm Sunday or 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 8-14

#### 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

7am Communion Service

Low Impact Senior Aerobics, 9:15-10:30, 11-12pm

Women's AA Meeting, 9:30 am in Memorial Parlor

Bible study, 9am

Lenten soup supper, 6pm

Lenten devotion, 6:45pm

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

Church Clean-up Day, 8am

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

**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.

### Soup Supper

Wednesdays during Lent:

7am - communion and mediation service in the sanctuary

6:00 - Soup supper and devotional experience (6:45- 7:30) Each week after a simple supper, we will get some practical experience with a spiritual practice that can make a difference in our lives. Bring your children too; there will be Lent-centered projects for kids led by our youth.

There is a sign-up sheet on the "I Can do that Board" in Fellowship Hall to bring soup. Call Gayla Gerhardt at 908-310-0702 or Pastor Nancy at 908-996-2227 if you have any questions.

### Easter Flowers orders

**Last Call!** \$6.00 per tulips, \$8.00 per daisy mums, lilies, and daffodils. Orders due no later than TODAY. Additional order forms are available at the back of church. Contact Margaret Pfisterer at 610-294-9412 or the church office if you have any questions.

### Food Pantry - Ham collection

The Food Pantry will be collecting Easter Ham for the patrons of the Pantry. If you are willing to donate your free ham from Shop Rite please have to the church no later than April 14th. Please call Helen Lewis 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.

### Spring Clean up

Save the Date! The church will be having a spring clean-up day April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8a-12pm. Most of the work will be outside cleaning up the gardens and spreading mulch, but there will be clean up inside too! The more the merrier, even if you can only come for part of the time. Contact Paul Pfisterer at 610-294-9412 if you have any questions.

### 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.

### *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*

8:00 AM - Communion Service

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

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