

# Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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8:00 A.M. with Communion & 9:30 A.M.

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#### Benevolence

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Jen & Dave Griffith 908-693-0405  
Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021

#### Hospitality

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Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

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### Church Staff

#### Pastor

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#### Church Secretary

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#### Choir Director

Kathy Hartman 484-226-0017



## FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2017

*Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!*

### 8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer  
\*Hymn #667 vs. 1,4, & 5 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
Passing of the Peace  
Scripture Reading Mark 10:42-45 & Esther 4:4-17  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**  
Sermon "For Such a Time as This"  
Offering  
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
The Lord's Supper  
Charge and Blessing

### 9:30 A.M. Worship

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
The Lord be with you.....  
**and also with you!**

### **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship  
Leader: The wind begins to cool the summer heat as leaves begin to turn yellow. We know the end of summer is near. And yet, we gather in such a time as this.  
**People: As we become aware of our moment and we understand our positions, we are able to gather in such a time as this.**  
Leader: As we listen to those long silenced, and we join our voices with theirs, we speak in such a time as this.

**People:** May God give us courage to discern our time, to understand our position, and to give voice to our longings. And may we do so in such a time as this.

**Leader:** God, you have placed us here and you challenge us to rise above. May you empower us to do what you would have us accomplish. We are where God wants us to be for such a time as this.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #664

"Morning Has Broken"

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we ask for your righteous judgment against others, but we are hesitant to acknowledge the sin in our own lives. We worship you with our lips, but we dishonor you with our actions. We ask you for the end of earthly suffering, but we do not offer compassion and generosity as we should. Too often matters about our faith turn to a quarrel instead of sharing testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart. We want our lives to shine the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

(Kid's may leave for Sunday School Program)

Passing the Peace Hymn #591

"Halle, Halle!"

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

(Please pass the peace of Christ.)

### **God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

New Testament Reading

Mark 10:42-45

Old Testament Reading

Esther 4:4-17

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"For Such a Time as This"

\*Hymn #667 vs.1,4, & 5

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

### **God Calls Us to Respond**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### **Affirmation of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology\*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

### **God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love**

\*Hymn #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*\*please stand if able.*

### **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 request please contact **Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884** or email him at [kenny12@ptd.net](mailto:kenny12@ptd.net)

## Music

The new **Chancel Choir** season is starting very soon! Anyone interested in singing with the Chancel Choir can join us on Thursday nights from 7:30- 9:00 p.m. in the choir room. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 7th**. You do not have to read music to be part of choir, just have a love for singing and making music for the Lord. If you have any questions contact Kathy Hartman, Choir Director [484-226-0017](tel:484-226-0017) or Josh Wilson, organist 610-393-8670.

**Praise Band**- our first rehearsal will be **Wednesday, September 6th** in the choir room. Come with a song or 2 that you'd like to work on. Praise Band meets every other Wednesday from 7-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is open to anyone interested in Praise music. We are in need of a drummer! This band is open to anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument.

This year we will be presenting our 3rd Christmas Cantata on Sunday afternoon , December 10th. We will begin rehearsals on **September 24th from 12:30-2:00 p.m.** We will meet on Sunday afternoons in the sanctuary. Everyone will receive their own packet of music, a practice CD and a rehearsal calendar. Any questions? Call Kathy Hartman at [484-226-0017](tel:484-226-0017).

On Sunday, September 27th we will have an "Open Choir" for anyone who wants to get together before the 10 a.m. service practice a hymn or 2 and sing it for the Sunday service. Anyone interested in singing for fun on the 27th- see Josh! Good voice, bad voice, no voice? Come on down! We'd love to have you!

## 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 - August 20-26**

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn Bingo, 11:30-1pm

#### Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm

#### Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

#### Friday

Alanon meeting, 12-1pm

#### Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

Trenton Thunder Baseball Game, bus leaves at 5:30pm

#### Next Sunday

Church Bowling, 11am-1pm, West Hunterdon Lanes

**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.



### Trenton Thunder Baseball Game

There are still some tickets available! Tickets are FREE! Courtesy of the Deacons! Sign up for the annual night at the ballpark with fireworks **THIS Saturday** August 26th at 7pm. We will depart by bus from the church parking lot at 5:00pm for the Trenton Thunder home stadium at Arm & Hammer Park. There is a sign-up sheet on the "I Can Do That Board"

### Community Service and Outreach Program

#### Senior Lunch & NIA & Bingo Program

When? Every Tuesday from 11:30 to 1:30

Where? Frenchtown Presbyterian, 4<sup>th</sup> Street

What? A half hour NIA class (no impact aerobics), lunch, bingo and fun conversation with other local seniors! Join in the fun, register today! Contact Penni at 908-237-0465.

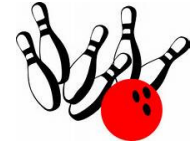
### Summer Sunday School

Our one room Sunday school program "Lego Faith Builders" for Preschool-5th grade will be held downstairs in the 3rd-5th-grade classroom every Sunday in the Summer. Please contact Kristyn Eckert if you have any questions 908-995-7703.

### Thoughts and Prayers

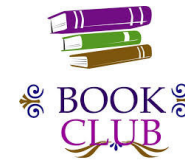
Sala Hendrickson could use some cheering up, maybe a little note or card to let her know we are thinking of her. Her address is Sala Hendrickson, c/o Princeton House Herrontown Road Princeton, NJ 08540

Please also pray for Gael Kelly and family, her husband, Jack Buehler passed away this past week. Please pray for comfort.



### Church Bowling Event

Next Sunday following the 9:30 service, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Bob and Tonya Reese would like to have an end of summer bowling event for the Church members at West Hunterdon. The bowling and shoe rental are free the only costs would be for any purchases from the snack bar.



### Book Club

Come join us at our next book club! Tuesday, August 29th 7-9pm at Jimmy's Custard Stand. The book we are reading is "The Secret Life of CeeCee Wilkes" by Diane Chamberlain. All are Welcome!

### Presbyterian Women

**Calling ALL Ladies.....**The Frenchtown Presbyterian Women would like to invite you join us on Tuesday September 26, 2017 for our monthly meeting. Come and see what we do to support our church and our community. For more information call: Gayla at 908-310-0702 or Marie at 908-996-3561.