

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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8:00 A.M. with Communion & 10:00 A.M.

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 31, 2017

New Year Eve

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

10:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....**and also with you!**

Special Music – Landon McDonald

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Leader: Our Holy God stirs our hearts and brings joy to our lives.

People: Our God stirs our minds and brings wisdom to our thoughts.

Leader: Our Loving God stirs up the world and brings hope to our future.

People: Jesus was born and came to us as a little child stirring up our purposes and our praises.

Leader: Now we come to adore the newborn king with the angels and to bow with the shepherds.

People: Now we come to kneel in wonder with the magi and to ponder your mystery with Joseph.

Leader: We come to worship this morning to love and cherish the baby Jesus and his mother, Mary.

All: May we greet this holy morning the one who came to save us. Let us Worship God!

*Carol

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

I heard the bells on Christmas day

Their old familiar carols play,

And wild and sweet the words repeat

Of peace of earth, good will to men.

2 I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

3 And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

4 Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

5 Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful, and help us to love the good you have begun in us. We thank you for the birth of our Jesus. Help us to keep him close to our heart in the coming days and in the new year. We want to love as he loves and give as he gives. Mold us and make us into your faithful servants, we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

(Children may leave for Kid's communities, Youth may leave for Echo)

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

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 148

Special Music – Landon McDonald

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

"There is the Light of Devotion in the Darkness of Suspicion"

*Hymn #145

"What Child is This?"

God Calls Us to Respond

Affirmation of Faith (Inspired by Isaiah 11:1-10)

"In that day, the wolf and lamb will live together..."

Jesus has taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's Kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end, and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.

One day 'all tears will be wiped away' and 'the lamb will lie down with the lion.' True peace and true reconciliation are not only desirable, they are assured and guaranteed.

This is our Faith and our Hope. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Prayer of Dedication

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #136

"Go Tell It on The Mountain"

Charge and Blessing

Special Music – Landon McDonald

*please stand if able

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 – Dec. 31-Jan. 6

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor
Deacon Meeting

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am
Senior Lunch in Learn potluck at the Manse, 11:30am

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm
Bible Study, 9am

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

Saturday

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

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Sharon Beck** at 908-752-3822 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

End of the Year donations

The end of the year is approaching quickly. Please make sure all donations intended for 2017 be received by TODAY. All donations after that date will be credited to 2018- No Exceptions. Please contact the church office at 908-996-2227 if you have any questions.

Senior Lunch and Learn Program

The Senior lunch and learn program held Wednesday's at the church, will be a **Potluck Luncheon Wednesday January 2nd** at the Manse from 11:30am-2pm. Please contact Pastor Courtney at 561-703-2263 if you have any questions.

Weekly Bible Study

Each Wednesday at 9 am our Bible Study group meets downstairs and studies one or more Bible passages for the coming Sunday. Bible Study **will be meeting** this Wednesday. Bible Study is co-led by Glenn Horvath and Pastor Courtney. All are welcome!

Presbyterian Women

There will be no PW meetings in January and February.

Book Club

Book club will meet Monday January 8th from 7-9pm downstairs of the church. The book they will be discussing is "*Unbroken*" by Laura Hillenbrand. For more info or questions, contact Kristyn Eckert at kristyneckert@gmail.com.

Save the Date – Hope and Healing Service

January 24th at 7pm we invite you to experience a meditative worship service that takes time for remembering and sharing our hurting places with God. A *Service of Hope & Healing* is a service of scripture, music, and healing prayer. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one, in support of someone who is hurting or simple for our own healing.