

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019 10 a.m. Worship

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.

We Gather as the Community of Faith

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Prepare the way!

Deck the halls and light the candles.

Prepare the way!

Open the doors and sing a song of hope.

Prepare the way!

Make space in our hearts for a new kind of love.

Christ is coming.

Prepare the way!

*HYMN #88 (vss. 1,7)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

I will wait . . .

. . . So today we light the candle of peace as a reminder that we have a role to play.

May the desire to sow peace kindle in us a light in the darkness. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God— Not a day goes by when you do not invite us to be peacemakers and advocates, listeners and good Samaritans.

Not a day goes by when we are not asked
to be a friend to a stranger and a neighbor to those in need.

Not a day goes by when we are not asked
to be the people you call us to be,
And yet, day after day,
we lose sight of your hope of peace for this world.
Forgive us for walking a different path and grant us the strength to prepare a new way—Your way—here.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news Therefore having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Rom. 5:1)

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.

RESPONSE: Hymn 113 Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children may leave for Kid's communities)

We Listen for God's Word to Us

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Inspire us as we hear the Good News that we may be
spiritually prepared for another encounter with the living
Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10

ANTHEM

Come, Emmanuel

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-12

MESSAGE

We Respond to God's Call

*HYMN #106 (vss.1,2)

Prepare the Way, O Zion

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 108*) *Of the Father's Love Begotten (verse 6)*

**Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be.**

**Honor glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**God, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this
offering of the people, and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people,
and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

We Go Out into God's World

*HYMN #752

Dona Nobis Pacem

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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Christmas Pageant

Come be a part of the Christmas Season and hear the story of the birth of Jesus on Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Karina, Josh, and the actors/acresses having been preparing to fill your hearts with the Christmas Spirit and bring you joy this holiday season.

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Cookie Sale

The PW will be holding a Christmas cookie sale on Sunday, December 15th. Cookies will go on sale beginning at 8:30 am.

Cookies Needed

The Presbyterian Women are asking for homemade cookie donations for their Christmas cookie sale. All homemade cookies need to be brought to the church on Friday, December 13th by 9:30am.

Thank you

Offering Envelopes

If you have had offering envelopes in the past please look in Fellowship Hall for new ones for 2020. If you have not had in the past and would like them, please take a box and sign your name with the box number you have taken. If you have had envelopes and do not want them any more please call the church office at 908-996-2227.

Pantry Sunday

Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. The 3rd Sunday of the Month has been designated as Food Pantry Sunday. On this Sunday we are asking that the members of the Congregation bring something in for the Pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. Colored envelopes are in the pews for those who wish to give monetary donations. Please call Helen Lewis at 610-294-9523 if you have any questions.

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 – December 9-15

Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30

Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am

Senior Program, 11:30am

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm

AA meeting, 8pm

Book Club, 7pm

Wednesday

Bible Study, 9am

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

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

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

Monthly Breakfast

Cantata concert, 2pm

PW Cookie Sale 8:30am

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service

8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

11:00 PM Communion and Candlelight Service

Angel Tree Gifts

Angel Tree gifts due by next **Sunday, December 15th, with the gift tags attached to the gift – drop off boxes will be in the Rotunda.** If you have any questions, contact Debbie Kacerek Cooley at 973.271.7094 or by email dkacerekcooley@gmail.com.



Time to Order flowers

Poinsettia orders are due **Today**. In honor of, or in memory of those you love. Red or White plants are available for \$8.00 per plant. Order forms available at the back of the sanctuary. Call Margaret Pfisterer 610-294-9412 if you have any questions.

Christmas Caroling

The Christian Education Commission would like to invite you to a night of Caroling on Sunday, December 22, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We will provide cookies and hot chocolate for all who participate and are excited to spread our holiday cheer throughout the community. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions or want more information please contact Tonya Reese, Kristyn Eckert, or Rob Ross.

New Beginnings

Come join in a second congregation-wide conversation: **TODAY December 8, from 11:30 – 12:30**. Learn about the characteristics of vital churches, receive a copy of the assessment report, learn how it will be used, and sign-up for small group meetings if haven't already done so already. Your participation is key to the future of God's mission and ministry here at FPC.

Book club

The book club will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, December 10th at 7pm in the Youth Room downstairs. The book they will be discussing is "Still Me" by JoJo Moyes. Contact Connie Sworen for any questions at 908-996-6533. All are welcome!

Soles4Souls

Total pairs of shoes donated to the Soles4Souls box located in Fellowship Hall is now at 5110 pairs! Great job!

The Longest Night

A Service of Healing & Hope in the Season of Advent.

The Longest Night Service is a service of scripture, music, and healing prayer. We invite you to experience a meditative worship service that takes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. 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 simply for our own healing. Join us, Thursday, December 18th at 7pm in the sanctuary.