

FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 1, 2018

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

We Gather to Worship God

Easter Proclamation

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed

God Gathers Us in Love

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

“He is Risen!”

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Glory to you, O God:

People: You have won victory over death in the resurrection of Jesus.

Leader: Glory to you, O God:

People: You inspire us to rejoice that Jesus is Alive

Leader: Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed!

All: Let us Worship the Risen Lord!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. In the Name of the Risen Lord we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you! (Please pass the peace of Christ.)

An Easter Reading

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Scripture

Isaiah 25:6-9

Choral Anthem

"Awake! Arise! Go Forth!"

New Testament Scripture

John 20:11-18

Sermon

"Unnecessary Tears"

*Hymn #236 vs 1,3, & 4

"The Strife is O'er !"

God Calls Us to Respond

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 #238

"Thine is the Glory"

Charge and Blessing

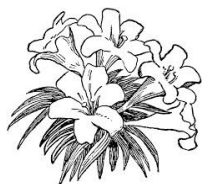
Choral Benediction

Postlude

“God Rolled the Stone Away”

**Members and Visitors, please complete insert in the bulletin so we may find out more about you and what you would want to know about us.

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.



Easter flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary by:

Chrys Longman **in memory of Andrew Longman**
Diane and Jeff Reed **in memory of our parents, Ronald & Phyllis Morgan and Charles & Ruth Reed, and in honor of our grandson, Cole Phillip Hamilton.**
Ron and Joyce Hartpence **in memory of Grandmas and Hartpences.**
Barbara Huey **in memory of David Huey & other loved ones.**
Debbie Kacerek Cooley **in memory of Kacerek & Cooley families who are in our Lord's embrace.**
Tom, Kathy, Greg and Amanda Kovacs **in memory of Roger K Everitt.**
Glenn and Eileen Warkala **to the Glory of God.**
Bill Penyak **in memory of loved ones.**
Courtney Cromie **in honor of Margaret Cromie, FPC staff, Session, Deacons & volunteers, and in memory of The Reverend Richard M Cromie.**
Amy and Glenn Selner **in memory of Betty & Oliver Silva and Kay Selner.**
Claus and Gail Jorgensen **in memory of Ebba, Halger and Susanne Jorgensen**
Marie Johnson **in memory of Lisa Tinsman & Kristin Baker.**
John & Colby Raymond **in memory of their beloved grandmother Diane Raymond**
Joyce Criss **in memory of Giona and Howard Wilkofsky**
Yoama and Kevin Smith **in honor of the Walter, Mary and Juan.**
Ellen Cwynar **in honor of Dan & Ellen Cwynars 51st anniversary.**
Paul and Margaret Pfisterer **in memory of Edwin & Lucy Pfisterer, & Eilert Frerichs and honor of Gretel "Omi" Frerichs.**
The Sterner-Stein Family **in memory of Richard Sterner.**
Anabel and Henry Stein **in memory of Dorothy Sterner**
Linda and Dave Kokinda **to the glory of God.**
Diane Taylor **in memory of John Taylor**
Bo and Barbara Baker **to the glory of God**

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 2-April 8

Monday

Alanon, 7:30pm

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Mom and Me Music Program, 10:45-11:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn 11:30

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Bible Study, 9am

National Move More Day, breakfast and walk 10:30am

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Women's bible study, 10am-11:30am

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Deb Hill at 908-507-8803**, 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

One Great Hour of Sharing

The Self-Development of People is one of three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. Self-Development of People invests in communities responding to oppression, poverty, and injustice in economically poor communities in this country and around the world. One example of a program receiving support from Self-Development of People, is the Front Porch Café in Akron, Ohio. At this café, a person recovering from addiction or re-entering society after being in prison can eat a meal, grow and learn alongside others with similar struggles, and receive guidance on housing and job opportunities. Many of the staff at the café are in recovery or in re-entry themselves, giving hope to those visiting the café that they too can achieve their goals through prayer and hard work. Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing by making a donation, using a One Great Hour of Sharing envelope located in the pew rack. As the Bible says, if you help the oppressed, the hungry and the afflicted, then *“you shall be called to repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.”* Isaiah 58:12

Summer Mission Trip

Save the date! This summer's Mission Possible trip will be **July 29-August 4, 2018** to Black Mountain Children's Home in North Carolina. If you have any questions or would like more information please speak with Pete Gordon - at pmg012469@yahoo.com, Paul Pfisterer at pamadaka@epix.net, or Barbara Huey at barbarahuey1@gmail.com. A week serving others is like a week's vacation for your soul. Come join us!

Book Club

Join us for book club Monday April 9th from 7-9pm downstairs in the church. The book we are reading and discussing is *“The Great Alone”* by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome to come. Light refreshments are provided. Contact Kristyn Eckert at 973-534-9155 for questions.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date - Vacation Bible School will be held this summer will be held at Frenchtown Presbyterian Church, July 23rd-July 27th. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Kristyn at kidscommunities@frenchtownpres.org

Community Outreach – National Move More Day

Join Frenchtown Presbyterian and Harvest Success Center for NATIONAL MOVE MORE DAY on Wednesday, April 4 from 10:30am until Noon. We will gather first for a Healthy Breakfast at the manse (Pastor Courtney's house next door) and then “move more” in a Walk Around Town. Breakfast starts at 10:30am, the walk starts at 11:00am. Breakfast Food items will be served & potluck items are welcome! Everyone is invited to join in.

Outreach Events

Every Tuesday from 10:45-11:30 AM, Enchanted Garden:

This FREE music and movement class is for Mom's and their pre-k children! Come listen to guitar music while gently moving with the rhythm and singing along with Autumn in our Enchanted Garden. This is perfect for moms and their pre-k children! Pregnant Mom's are welcome to join in as well!

Every Tuesday, from 11:30-2:30 PM, Senior Lunch and Learn:

Calling all women close to 50 years old or more, please join us for a fun, FREE, no stress afternoon where we have a NIA class (No Impact Aerobics), lunch and an activity. Activities may include crafts, games or a guest speaker. Have fun socializing with other local women and enjoy an afternoon out that's just for YOU!

Free Tax Prep Services

FPC is hosting United Way free tax preparation. Upcoming and last date will be April 10th. Appointments are needed. Please dial 2-1-1 ext 27 to schedule an appointment