

## *We Respond to God's Call*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.**

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

**for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.**

But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

**Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.**

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet;

**The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

\*HYMN #250

*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

*We Go Out into God's World*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE



## Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2019 8 a.m. Worship

Easter Sunday

If you are visiting, please sign the guest book at the back of the church.

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.

*"Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about." N.T. Wright*

### God Gathers Us in Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

\* HYMN #232 (verses 1,2,4) *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

**Dear God, this week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed your death on a simple wooden cross.**

**Yet on the third day, you come to us again in victory. By this, we know that death is not the final word.**

**As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, our joy. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION *Hymn #234 Come Ye Faithful (verse 2)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we come before you as those who have been baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, and who seek to be raised to new life in Christ.

**Yet we confess our fear of death.**

We fear death as life's ending, and its threat hidden in poverty, danger, or sickness. We fear death as letting go of old ways, old relationships, and old understandings of ourselves.

**We confess our fear of life.**

Sometimes we want to build shells to protect ourselves from people who come too close, from change that comes too fast, from possibilities that seem too bewildering.

**Forgive us.**

God, help us trust our lives into your keeping, accept the embrace of your loving arms, and receive your forgiveness and your promise of life eternal in Jesus Christ.

**Raise us to walk in newness of life – whether in the faltering steps of infants or the sure steps of mature Christians; through Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Dear friends, let us affirm the best news of all time: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**God of empty tombs and abundant surprises, be to us a living presence, that the story of Easter may become our story, so we can embody its hope for the whole world. Amen.**

GOSPEL *John 20:1-18*

MESSAGE

### One Great Hour of Sharing

A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need here and 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. **Fish banks are due today.**

### 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.

### Deacon Breakfast

Come meet your Deacon! Deacons will be sponsoring a breakfast on May 19th. Join them in fellowship and introduce yourselves, let us know about what is happening in your life! It starts at 8:30am and will go until the 10:00am service.

## 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 22-28

#### 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

PW Meeting, 7pm

#### Wednesday

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

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

Bible study, 9am

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

Praise Band, 10am

FPC Bell Concert, 4pm

**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](mailto: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.

### **STRIKE OUT HUNGER SOFTBALL GAME**

This year's annual softball game between the Milford Mayhem and the Frenchtown Frenzy to benefit the food pantries of Frenchtown and Milford has been expanded to a tournament this year! Mark your calendars for Strike Out Hunger NJ Softball Tournament on May 4th at Riegel Ridge Community Center in Holland Township. Teams from Holland, Clinton, Flemington and Alexandria will join in with the Mayhem and the Frenzy -and all to benefit the food pantries. We need players and we need volunteers to help collect the food donations! Please see the website for more details: [www.StrikeOutHungerNJ.org](http://www.StrikeOutHungerNJ.org) or contact Presbyterian Church of Milford at (908) 995-2481 or [StrikeOutHungerNJ@gmail.com](mailto:StrikeOutHungerNJ@gmail.com)

### **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.

### **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.

### **Meals on Wheels needs your help!**

As one of the last meal delivery programs in New Jersey to depend solely on volunteer drivers, new drivers are always needed. By committing approximately two hours, once a month, you can make a big difference in the lives of Hunterdon County's homebound seniors by delivering hot, nutritious meals. For more information call Meals on Wheels at 908-284-0735, visit their website at [mowih.org](http://mowih.org), or email [info@mowih.org](mailto:info@mowih.org). Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. is a small, private, non-profit charitable agency serving approximately 220 homebound seniors every weekday throughout Hunterdon County. Our mission is to help the homebound elderly/disabled maintain their independence and support their nutritional health

### **Pot-Luck Luncheon**

Come enjoy the diverse cultures in our own community. On May 5th we would like you to join us after the 10:00am service, for fellowship and good food. It's an international pot luck. Make a dish from your culture and bring to share. Sign up on the "I can do board" to confirm we do not have duplicate dishes. Any questions see Dave or Jen Griffith or call Jen at 908-625-2943