

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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Worship Services

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

<u>Building and Grounds</u>	<u>Session (Elders)</u>	<u>Mission and Outreach</u>
Eugene Hill	908-996-3037	Barbara Huey 908-268-3063
<u>Christian Education</u>		<u>Stewardship</u>
Michelle Hendrix	908-995-4967	Kevin Smith 610-982-0138
Lynn Freeman	267-784-2152	Harry Cooley 908-313-6405
<u>Community Life</u>		<u>Worship</u>
Leslie Callanan	908-310-9412	Diane Reed 610-294-6673
		Gayla Gerhardt 908-310-0702
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		Yoama Pons 610-217-0913

Board of Deacons

<u>Benevolence</u>		<u>Shut-ins and Long-Term illness</u>
Deborah Cooley	908-995-7770	Deborah Hill 908-507-8803
Ron Hartpence	908-246-7189	Deborah Fiebig 908-996-6436
<u>Short-Term illness</u>		<u>Bereavement</u>
Dave Griffith	908-693-0405	Debbie Godown 908-859-4038
Jen Griffith	908-625-2943	Jennifer Cwynar 908-334-1826
<u>Hospitality</u>		<u>Youth Connection</u>
Joyce Hartpence	908-246-0058	Madelyn Freeman
Deborah Cooley	908-995-7770	<u>Events</u>
Debbie Godown	908-859-4038	Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Church Staff

<u>Pastor</u>		<u>Youth Pastor</u>
Rev. Courtney Cromie	561-703-2263	Robert Ross 609-571-8012
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Lea Raymond	908-996-2227	Christine Aherne 908-996-2227
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<u>Treasurer</u>		<u>Choir Director</u>
Sue Fitchett	908-996-2227	
<u>Organist</u>		<u>Food Pantry</u>
Josh Wilson	610-393-8670	Helen Lewis 610-294-9623



FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 11, 2018

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #2 vss.1,2,3

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-39, Genesis 29:9-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “When A Man Loves a Woman – The Story of Jacob and Rachel”

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Supper

Charge and Blessing

10:00 A.M. Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Choral Introit

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 111)

Leader: Praise the Lord! In the company of the saints above and beside us,

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, full of honor and majesty, whose righteousness endures forever.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful; the work of God’s hands are faithful and just.

Leader: God’s covenant is established forever in truth and justice.

People: Our redemption is in the name of our Lord.

Leader: Holy and awesome is God's name in all the earth!

All: Let us Worship God!

*Hymn #2 vss.1,2,3 "Come Thou Almighty King"

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, sometimes in life it feels like we get a raw deal. We look around and things do not seem to be going our way. Someone lies to us and another takes advantage. We turn aside from you, God, and we ignore our calling to follow you. We wind-up self-centered and often walk past our neighbors in need. You offer us life-transforming discipleship and yet we run away. With you, Oh God, nothing is final. You remind us that life is full of new beginnings, second, third, and fourth starts. Forgive us and turn us once more to you. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

(children leave for Kid's Communities/Youth to 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.)

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

New Testament Scripture Romans 8:26-39

Choral Anthem

Old Testament Scripture Genesis 29:9-20

Sermon "When A Man Loves a Woman – The Story of Jacob and Rachel"

*Hymn #836 vss. 1,3,5 "Abide with Me"

Affirmation of Faith – (Ephesians 3)

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

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 #307 vss.1,2,4 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

Postlude

**please stand if able*

*Child Care is available during the 10:00 am service for infants and young children. The nursery is located in room #5 down the back stairs and to the right.

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

Pictures for the Church Directory

Keith Muccilli will be here for the final time on Sunday February 18th to take pictures for the church directory. He will be available between services and for a little after the 10am service. If you are unable to make this date, please email us an updated picture to office@frenchtownpres.org.

New Women's Bible Study

NEW Women's Bible Study will begin a 10-week study, Thursdays February 15 from 10am-11:30am downstairs in the church. The study: *A Woman's Heart-God's Dwelling Place*: A Beth Moore study based on the Old Testament tabernacle to explore the places God dwells- Study Book \$16 (scholarships available)

For more information or questions please contact Pastor Courtney, pastorcourtney@frenchtownpres.org or by calling the church office @ 908-996-2227. This study provides a bible study experience five days a week plus a time for a video sessions of this in-depth women's Bible study. Come join us as we learn more about God and about ourselves! All Women are Welcome!

Hospitality Team Request

We have a large need for dinners/meals for the freezer at this time. Please consider making a casserole, quiche or soup for the freezer so that we can bring it to our shut-ins and ailing community members who so need our comfort and a prepared meal. There is a sign-up sheet on the "I Can Do It" board. You can also drop your **labeled** meals in the freezer.

Food Pantry Sunday

Next Sunday is Pantry Sunday. Please bring something in for the Food Pantry. Some items needed are fresh foods; potatoes, onions, citrus fruits, squash, apples etc. Thank you for your help.

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 – Feb.4-Feb.10

Today

PW Cookie Sale
Parent Day/Night out, 12-6pm

Monday

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 11:30am
Homework Help in Fellowship Hall, 3-5pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm
Bible Study, 9am
Ash Wednesday evening Service, 7pm

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am
Women's bible study, 10am-11:30am
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p-9pm

Saturday

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

Next Sunday

Monthly Breakfast
Kid's Communities Ice Cream Social after the 10am service

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Debbie Kacerek-Cooley, at 908-995-7770**, if you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs other assistance from the Deacons.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the traditional season of Lent, a 40-day period that leads to Easter and has its roots in Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. It is a period of reflection, prayer and penance. During the Ash Wednesday service, a pastor or leader in the church will mark the forehead of those in the congregation with ashes in the form of a cross. The ashes are meant to express grief and sorrow for sins and failure. The actual season of Lent is 46 days as Sunday always recognizes Jesus' Resurrection. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of worship.

Parents day/night out

TODAY! from 12pm-6pm the youth group will be hosting a Parents Day Out. Spend time with your valentine, have lunch, take in a movie....it's your day!

Your child will be having a blast playing games, watching movies and making Valentine crafts with our FPC Youth! Suggested donation of \$10 per child. Contact Robert Ross at rob@frenchtownpres.org.

Nominating Committee

Nominations are being accepted for the position of elder and deacon. Have you been called to serve God in a leadership role? Are you concerned about Frenchtown Presbyterian and its ministries? Do you want to help those in need? Or do you know someone who would be a good leader? You can nominate someone as well. If you are willing or know someone who is willing, let our church office know, or Pastor Courtney.

Per Capita for 2018

Per Capita for 2018 is \$33.21 **per member**. Envelopes are available in the church pews. Please call the church office if you have any questions at 996-2227.

Morning Lenten Service

During the season of Lent, we will have Wednesday morning communion services from 7-7:30 am. We will have short readings, reflections, a time of prayer, and communion. Come and join us for meaningful start to your Wednesdays during the Lenten Season. The first Wednesday morning service will meet on Wednesday, February 21 and will continue the following Wednesdays through March 28. The services will be thirty minutes in length.

2018 Pledges

Annual Pledge Budget \$120,000.00

January Pledge Budget \$10,000

January Pledge received \$7240.00

Kid's Communities/Blessing Bags

Our Kids Communities and Youth Group is once again starting a combined mission/service project. Together we will be making "Blessing Bags" and the Youth Group will be distributing them locally. These bags will be filled with items needed by homeless individuals. We are asking for your help. We are asking for donations or monetary donations to help purchase the items. One complete blessing bag costs \$15. Flyers are located at the back of the church with a listing of items needed. All donations need to be in by Sunday February 25th. All children/youth are invited to stay after the church service on March 4th to assemble the bags and the Youth Group will distribute them on March 11th.

Free Tax Prep Services

FPC is hosting United Way free tax preparation. Dates scheduled are February 20th, March 20th & April 10th. Appointments are needed. Please dial 2-1-1 ext 27 to schedule an appointment. Hosted by Frenchtown Community Services and Outreach Group.