

# Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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## Worship Services

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

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#### Building and Grounds

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#### Christian Education

Michelle Hendrix 908-995-4967

Lynn Freeman 267-784-2152

#### Community Life

Leslie Callanan 908-310-9412

#### Mission and Outreach

Barbara Huey 908-268-3063

#### Stewardship

Kevin Smith 610-982-0138

Harry Cooley 908-313-6405

#### Worship

Diane Reed 610-294-6673

Gayla Gerhardt 908-310-0702

#### Clerk of Session

Yoama Pons 610-217-0913

### Board of Deacons

#### Benevolence

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

#### Short-Term illness

Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Jen Griffith 908-625-2943

#### Hospitality

Joyce Hartpence 908-246-0058

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

#### Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

Deborah Hill 908-507-8803

Deborah Fiebig 908-996-6436

#### Bereavement

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

Jennifer Cwynar 908-334-1826

#### Youth Connection

Madelyn Freeman

#### Events

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

### Church Staff

#### Pastor

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#### Church Secretary

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#### Treasurer

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#### Youth Pastor

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#### Financial Secretary

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## FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 2018

### The First Sunday of Lent

*Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!*

*Eternal God, speak to me in this morning's worship, that I may be grounded in your truth. Where I am lacking understanding, clarify your ways. Where I am deficient in devotion, inspire my commitment. Where I am short on courage, strengthen my resolve. I pray that I may become a faithful follower of Christ.*

*Amen.*

### 8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

**All: Let us worship God!**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #39

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Passing of the Peace

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:43-48, Hosea 3:1-5 (KJ21)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? – The Story of Hosea and Gomer”

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 Isaiah 43:19-21)

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

**All: Alleluia! We rejoice! Let us Worship God!**

\*Hymn #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires known, we confess that we have fallen short of your will for us. We have eaten our bread without concern for the hungry; we have warmed ourselves without thinking of those who are cold; we have enjoyed the abundance of our lives without remembering those who live in poverty; we have lived in freedom without thinking of those who are imprisoned and oppressed. Forgive us, O God, and bestow upon us the mind of Christ and give us courage to meet the needs of the world. Grant to us your strength so that we may be your faithful servants. In Jesus Christ, we pray, 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!

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

New Testament Scripture

Matthew 5:43-48

Choral Anthem

Old Testament Scripture

Hosea 3:1-5 (KJ21)

Sermon "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? – The Story of Hosea and Gomer"

\*Hymn #833 vss. 1,3 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Affirmation of Faith

**What was Jesus' greatest commandment?**

**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."**

**And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

## 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 #829 vss. 1,2,4 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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.

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## 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 TODAY 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](mailto:office@frenchtownpres.org).

### Women's Bible Study

A 10-week study, Thursdays from 10am-11:30am at the manse. 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](mailto: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.

### Book Club

Come join us at the next Book Club, Monday, March 12th 7-9pm. Downstairs of the church. Light refreshments will be provided. The Book is *"Before We Were Yours"* by Lisa Wingate. Contact Kristyn Eckert at 973-534-9155 or the church office if you have any questions. **All are welcome!**

## 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.19-Feb.25

#### Today

Monthly Breakfast

#### 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 morning communion service, 7am

#### 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

Youth Group Snow Tubing

Blessing Bag donations due

**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.

### Morning Lenten Service

Early Morning Lenten Communion Services, 7:00 - 7:20 AM  
Beginning Wednesday, February 21, and continuing through  
Wednesday, March 28, there will be an early morning communion  
service during Lent. The services will be twenty minutes and length  
with communion, a small reflection, prayer, and scripture. Use these  
services to keep your mind and your heart focused on a need for God  
and for forgiveness during the holy season of Lent.

### 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.

### Pavers for the Front Walkway

Are you looking for a great way to honor the life of a family member  
or a special someone this Easter? If so....consider giving a paver in  
honor or in memory of your loved one. Pavers will be installed in the  
front walk-way of the church with the name. Cost is \$99.00. Any  
questions please contact Bill Penyak at 908-625-6575 or the church  
office at 908-996-2227/office@frenchtownpres.org.

### Concert

**Star 99.1 Presents MercyMe, concert**, Sunday, March 11, 2018 at the  
Prudential Center, Newark NJ from 7:30pm - 11:00pm

If anyone is interested in attending this event please contact Jennifer  
Griffith at 908-625-2943/[jenpec1@comcast.net](mailto:jenpec1@comcast.net) If there is enough  
interested to attend the concert we will get group discount ticket  
prices.

### 2018 Pledges

Annual Pledge Budget **\$120,000.00**

January Pledge Budget **\$10,000**

January Pledge received **\$7240.00**

### Kid's Communities/Youth Group Mission Project

Our Kids Communities and Youth Group are doing 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 25<sup>th</sup>. All children/youth  
are invited to stay after the church service on March 4<sup>th</sup> to assemble  
the bags and the Youth Group will distribute them on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Free Tax Prep Services

FPC is hosting United Way free tax preparation. Dates scheduled are  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup> & April 10<sup>th</sup>. Appointments are needed.  
Please dial 2-1-1 ext 27 to schedule an appointment.

Hosted by Frenchtown Community Services and Outreach Group.