

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

January 12, 2020 10 a.m. Worship

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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.

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.

God Gathers Us in Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

O Look and Wonder

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of new beginnings—

Where there is a need for certainty,

Cultivate peace in us.

Where there is comparison,

Cultivate gentleness in us.

Where there is fear,

Cultivate hope in us.

Where there is doubt,

Cultivate faith in us.

Where there is isolation,

Cultivate worship in us;

For in worship we draw near to you and one another.

Let us worship Holy God.

* HYMN #401

Here in This Place (vss. 1,2,4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God, we are works in progress.

In spaces where we could cultivate belonging, we build up walls. In spaces where we could cultivate compassion,

we insist on perfection and pressure ourselves to achieve the impossible. In spaces where we could let go of anger, we keep score like it's our job and insist on an "eye for an eye" justice.

So today we pray—

Remind us how to cultivate hope, love, and justice.

Remind us how to let go of fear, perfection, and hatred.

Forgive us. Guide us. Heal us. Gratefully we pray,

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF 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!**

HYMN #591

"Halle, Halle!"

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

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children may leave for Kids' program)

We Listen for God's Word to Us

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 43:1-5, 15-19

CHORAL ANTHEM

Sing We Alleluia

CULTIVATING LIGHT

*HYMN #466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

GOSPEL

Luke 13:6-9

MEDITATION

We Respond to God's Call

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, For the morning dawn, which promises new life; And for your love, which knows our name,

We give you thanks.

For a place to belong—for *this* place to belong—And for grace that is always bigger than we deserve,

We give you thanks.

For the promise of justice that will roll down like a mighty stream And light that shines in the darkness,

We give you thanks.

We have so much to thank you for, gracious God, so in gratitude, we offer you these gifts. May they help cultivate your promised day here.

May we help cultivate your promised day here.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

We Go Out into God's World

* HYMN #377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Bless the Lord, My Soul

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

FPC Concert Series

Next Up on the FPC concert series is Mason McDowell, NYC Singer/Songwriter, January 26th at 2pm. Save the Date!

Soles4Souls

Total shoe count in the Soles4Souls donation box in Fellowship Hall is 5177 pairs!

Book Club

The Next book club meeting will be held Tuesday February 11th at 7pm, downstairs in the youth room. They will be discussing 2 books for the meeting, both by Kristin Hannah. The first is "Firefly Lane" and the sequel to that "Fly Away". Contact Connie Sworen if you have any questions at 908-996-6533. All are Welcome!

Pantry Sunday

Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday.

Some items in need are apples, citrus fruits, canned fruit, baked beans, and hearty soups. Donations can be left in the donation bin located in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help.

Men's Group

Coming Soon! Men's Group, Monday evenings in Memorial Parlor. If interested or would like more information contact Glenn Horvath at 908-399-2813

Monthly Breakfast

Join us next Sunday for the Monthly Breakfast from 8:30am-10am

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 – January 13-19

Monday

Alanon, 7:30pm

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15am-12:30pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Program & NIA, 11:30am

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm

AA Meeting, 8pm

Wednesday

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

Bible Study, 9am

AA Meeting 7:30pm

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

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Yoga, 9:15am-10:30am

Alanon meeting, 12pm

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday

Alanon Meeting, 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

Next Sunday

Breakfast