

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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Worship Services

8:00 A.M. with Communion & 10:00 A.M. with Kid's Communities

Session (Elders)

Buildings and Grounds

John Fiebig 908-996-6436

Paul Pfisterer (chair) 610-294-9412

Christian Education

Tonya Reese (chair) 908-310-9240

Lynn Freeman 267-784-2152

Worship & Music

Gayla Gerhardt 908-310-0702

Clerk of Session

Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

Mission and Outreach

Maureen Breiner(chair)908-995-4173

Bill Penyak 908-625-6575

Barbara Huey 908-268-3063

Stewardship

Leslie Callanan 908-310-9412

Pete Gordon (chair) 908-229-6835

Diane Reed 610-294-6673

Board of Deacons

Benevolence

Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884

Short-Term illness

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Jen Griffith 908-625-2943

Hospitality

Joyce Hartpence 908-246-0058

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

Youth Connection

Maddie Hendrix

Events

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

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Church Staff

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Frenchtown Presbyterian Church January 20, 2019 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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Come into God's Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 36)

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of your house,

You give us drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life.

In your light we see light.

* HYMN #666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Time of Silent Reflection

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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.

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

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)

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O God of steadfast love, your Son transformed common water into wine. So transform us by the hearing of your Word and the working of your Spirit that the waters of our common lives may become showers of blessing. Amen.

GOSPEL John 2:1-11

ANTHEM *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

*HYMN #515 *I Come with Joy (verses 1,4,5)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Receive and bless these gifts, O God, which we bring in response to the many gifts with which you have blessed us. As you graciously bestow these varying gifts upon us, so may we as graciously use them to serve others, and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love

* HYMN # 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

RESPONSE

Go, My Children

POSTLUDE

Grant Me a Sense of Your Timing by Ted Loder

O God of all seasons and all senses, grant me a sense of your timing to submit gracefully and rejoice quietly in the turn of the seasons.

In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold, teach me the lessons of waiting:

of the snow joining the mystery, of the hunkered down seeds growing in their sleep, watched over by gnarled-limbed, grandparent trees, resting from autumn's staggering energy; of the silent, whirling earth circling to race back home to the sun.

O God, grant me a sense of your timing.

In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold, teach me the lessons of endings:

children growing, friends leaving, jobs concluding, stages finishing, grieving over, grudges over, blaming over, excuses over.

O God, grant me a sense of your timing.

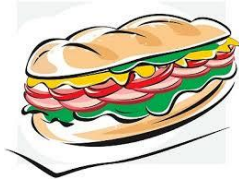
In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold, teach me the lessons of beginnings:

that such waitings and endings may be a starting place, a planting of seeds which bring to birth what is ready to be born – something right and just and different, a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love – in the fullness of your time.

O God, grant me a sense of your timing.

Facility Use

If anyone would like to use the church for any activities/group etc. please schedule with the church office, by calling 908-996-2227 or emailing the request to office@frenchtownpres.org. The church has many different events scheduled through the week and to ensure that things are not double booked we need to check the calendar before anything else can be scheduled. Thank you for your cooperation.



Youth Group Hoagie Sale

The youth group will be holding a Super Bowl Sunday Hoagie Sale on February 3rd. More details to come. Contact Rob Ross rob@frenchtownpres.org if you have any questions.

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 20-26

Monday

Alanon, 7:30pm

Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am

Senior community Outreach, 10am

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm

Wednesday+

AA Meeting 7:30pm

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

Bible study, 9am

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

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

New Members Class, 11:30am

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.

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



New Members Class

Would you like to become a member of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church? If so, we will be having a new members class next Sunday January 27th from 11:30-12:30 pm. If interested in becoming a new member or if you have any questions about becoming a new member, please email Pastor Nancy at pastor@frenchtownpres.org, or call the church office at 908-996-2227 or just show up for the class.



Valentine's Day Cookie Sale

The Presbyterian Women will be holding a Valentine cookie sale on Sunday, February 10th. Cookies will go on sale beginning at 8:30 am.

Cookies Needed

Presbyterian Women are looking for homemade cookie donations for their cookie sale. All cookies can be brought to the church on Friday, February 8th and by 10 am Saturday, February 9th. If cookies are brought in on Friday please make sure you mark them for the PW cookie sale.



Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meetings of the congregation and corporation of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church will take place in the sanctuary Sunday, February 3, 2019, during the 10 am worship service for the purposes of reviewing the 2019 budget and election of church officers. There will be **no worship service at 8am** on February 3.

Worship and Music

Worship and Music are looking for people to assist Pastor Nancy with worship on Sundays. Please see the sign-up sheet on "The I Can Do It" board in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions please see Pastor Nancy or Gayla Gerhardt.

February Newsletter

Information for the February Newsletter needs to be to the church office no later than January 24th. Thank you