

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church
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Worship Services

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

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Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

January 5, 2010 10 a.m. Worship

Epiphany Sunday



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

You shall see and be radiant.

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

The Holy One will bless the people with peace.

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad in God's presence.

* HYMN #143 (VSS. 1,3,4) *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In truth, God of Epiphany, we come to worship you, but our motives (like Herod's) are not pure. We want you to reward us because we are here, and not someplace else.

We want you to gift us with health, with wealth, with answers to our questions. We want you to overlook our unfaithfulness, rather than shining the bright Light of the Christ Child on our lives.

Forgive us, Star Shaper, that we are not more like those wise ones of so long ago. In following a star, they found hope; in gifting a child, they received grace; in seeking your signs, they discovered life.

Be with us, in mercy and hope, as we journey with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in this season of Light. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Arise, shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us. God delivers the needy when they call: 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!**

RESPONSE: Hymn 113 Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

We Listen for God's Word to Us

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Light of the World, light up our minds with your truth that lets us ignore the bad-news-Herods and keep on going toward the glow of your star in the sky of our lives. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 60:1-6

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

MESSAGE

We Respond to God's Call

*HYMN #152

What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* RESPONSE: HYMN # 150 *As With Gladness Men of Old (verse 3)*

As they offered gifts most rare, at the manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee, our heavenly King.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Instead of gold and frankincense and myrrh, we bring to you, O God, the treasures you have first given to us - our hearts, minds and bodies, to be used in your service. We offer these gifts - of money and our lives - as signs of our total giving, praying that they will be used to herald the coming of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

We give thanks to you, O God, because in your gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become light for one another and for the world. Amen.

We Go Out into God's World

* HYMN #744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Ellen Cwynar for filling in for Josh while he is away.

FPC Concert Series

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

New Beginnings

New Beginning small groups start up again this week. Meet with your small group next on

Sunday, Jan. 5 11:30-1:00

Wednesday, Jan. 8 6:30-8:00

Thursday, Jan. 9 Noon - 1:30

If you have not signed up for a small group yet there is still time. Join us this Sunday, Jan. 5 in the afternoon from 4:30-6:00. Contact the church office to sign up at office@frenchtownpres.org.

Soles4Souls

Total shoe count in the Soles4Souls donation box in Fellowship hall is 5159 pairs!

Book Club

The Next book club meeting will be held on 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!

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 - Jan 6-12

Monday

Alanon, 7:30pm

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

Deacon Meeting, 7pm

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

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