

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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Short-Term illness

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Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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Youth Connection

Maddie Hendrix

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Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

January 6, 2019 10 a.m. Worship

Celebration of 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

INTROIT

Raise a Song of Gladness

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

We are called out of our darkness into light.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

We rejoice in the gift of light.

Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

* HYMN #143 *Angels from the Realms of Glory (verses 1,3,4)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness, darkness that can overwhelm and paralyze us.

Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world.

Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star.

Let the light break into our lives and our world and transform us into people of the light. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God is light! In God there is no darkness! Arise! Shine! Our Light awaits! **Alleluia! Amen!**

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**
All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

RESPONSE (Hymn #113)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children may leave for Kids' program)
God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Light of the World, bless us and our simple faith seeking understanding.
Reveal to us this Epiphany what we need to know to love you, to serve you and to keep your word with fidelity and truth, courage and hope. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

*HYMN #145 *What Child is This*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY (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. 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*)

Living God, thank you for feeding us at this table. As we go, keep us close to you, trusting in your love, and bearing the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love

* HYMN # 744 *Arise, Your Light is Come*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

RESPONSE *God be with You Til we Meet Again*

POSTLUDE

Community Outreach

Frenchtown Community Service and Outreach - Senior Lunch and Learn in conjunction with the Harvest Family Success Center will change for the new year. The program will continue on Tuesday, but the schedule will be;

9am -10am - NIA class

10am -10:30am - Coffee and Group Support Time

10:30am -11:30am - Educational speaker or craft

11:30am - 12:30pm - Brown Bag lunch option

If you have any questions please call the church office at 908-996-2227 or Penni at Harvest Family Success Center at 908-237-0465.

Deacon Invite

Start the New Year feeling supported and loved by your church. The Deacons cordially invite you to join them right after service TODAY in Fellowship Hall, to hear how our Deacons can help you, and what Deacons do in our church. Coffee and refreshments will be served. We look forward to sharing some time with you and getting to know you better.

Food Pantry Help

The Deacons and the Food Pantry are asking for help from the congregation to serve the Lord by serving others. We are looking for help with shopping for items needed for the Food Pantry. A shopping list will be provided as well as dates for signing up and instructions of how to pay using our ShopRite charge card. Please call or text Deacon Ken Gerhardt if you are interested in helping out at 908-310-1884

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Bible study will resume this Wednesday January 9th at 9am in the Youth room downstairs.

Souls4Soles The shoe box total in Fellowship Hall as of December 31 was 3899. The total count since January 2011 is now 20,944. Thank you for all your donations.

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 6-12

Monday

Alanon, 7:30pm

Deacon Meeting, 7pm

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

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

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