

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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Summer Worship Services

8:00 A.M. with Communion & 9:30 A.M.

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Benevolence

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Short-Term illness

Jan Turenne 908-996-6392
Jen & Dave Griffith 908-693-0405
Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021

Hospitality

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770
Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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Deborah Fiebig 908-996-6436

Bereavement

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Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021
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Youth Care Projects

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2, 2017

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

9:30 A.M. Worship

Meditation

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

and also with you!

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather together this morning to seek God
and to be in His presence.

**People: We are glad to be able to worship freely and we
ask God for continued blessings on this
congregation and for the church at large.**

Pastor: Our God is the one who rules over all the nations.
We ask God for his blessing on our nation and on
the nations of the world.

**People: Our hope is in you, Lord. Please guide every
nation into a love of you and to a love of peace.**

Pastor: May we come before you, God, in harmony and
in peace with our neighbors around the world.

**People: We ask for peace on this earth and remind us
that can only be possible with you and that it
begins in our hearts.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn #338

"America the Beautiful"

Call to Confession (Joel 2:12-13)

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.
Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and
merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Come, let us return to the Lord with our unison prayer
of confession:

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin:

Receive again your broken people. Forgive the choices we have made to hold back giving ourselves and our resources that benefit only ourselves at the expense of helping others. We apologize for the times we have passed by human sorrow because we were too busy. Help us to love as you love, to serve as you serve, and to give as you give. Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon (from Luke 15:31)

People of God, hear the good news of the Gospel: The Father says to us, "Child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours." We are forgiven.

Children's Message

(Kid's may leave for Sunday School Program)

Passing the Peace Hymn #591

"Halle, Halle!"

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Please pass the peace of Christ.)

Let Us Pray for America (mini video)

A Responsive Litany for Independence Day

Pastor: Today and in this coming week we remember the birth of our nation. We are a country whose leaders promised pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness.

People: We pause to give thanks the men and women, and their loved ones, who sacrificed much and continue to sacrifice in these pursuits

Pastor: We know that the history and our current state of our government has flaws. We lift up in prayer the tribes and nations of this land for generations. Forgive our country for its mistakes both big and small.

People: We remember our patriots who dreamed of a nation and fought for a foundation of democracy that pledged liberty and justice for all.

People: We give thanks for those who built our buildings brick by brick, road by road, and town by town. We remember our innovators, artists, poets, and teachers. We look with favor upon our farmers and factory workers who have labored and continue to labor providing for the common good. We are grateful for our community and for those who came before us.

Pastor: Bless this land, Lord, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows. We pray for those who govern in their decisions and leadership.

People: We pray that our nation and its people would repent of all sins and to work for reconciliation with those who have been mistreated. Help us return to your grace and to provide for those in need. We are free to worship and serve. Let us do so with Christ as our true leader.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

*Hymn #836 vss.1,4 & 5

"Abide with Me"

Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 118:1-14

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Fireworks of the Heart"

God Calls Us to Respond

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory - Clark Applegate

"God Bless America"

Doxology*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution/Breaking & Pouring

Communion of People

Communion Hymn #649

"Amazing Grace"

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #354

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

**please stand if able.*

Vacation Bible School

Alexandria, Frenchtown and Milford churches invite you to the **2017 Vacation Bible School - VBS Hero Central!**

At VBS Hero Central, children will interact, energize and enjoy a Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God.

They will become Heroes as they explore God's mission through songs, games and stories which reveal Hero Codes to equip every

Hero for an active life with God. DATE: July 31st to August 4th

TIME: 9:00am to 11:30am LOCATION: Alexandria First

Presbyterian Church 141 Route 519

(Little York-Mount Pleasant Road). Registration forms are available at the church or at www.alexpres.org

Mission Possible

The Summer Mission trip will be **July 9-16th** to Black Mountain Home for Children in Ashville N.C. if you can't travel with us on the mission trip we still need your help! Please sign up to contribute food for the trip! See the list located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Food needs to be to the church by Saturday, July 8th. Also, Black Mountain Home is collecting bathmats as well as small to large sized indoor use trash cans! (not garbage cans) If you have a chance to pick up any of those items it would be most appreciated and we can bring those down with us, too. Thanks so much for your help on this important Mission Possible!" If you have any questions please contact Paul Pfisterer at 610-294-9412.

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 - July 2-8th

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor.

Alanon Meeting, 7:30pm

Deacon Meeting, 7pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn Bingo, 11:30-1pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **David Griffith** at 908-693-0405 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 request please contact **Ken Gerhardt** 908-310-1884 or email him at kennyg12@ptd.net

Church Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday and Thursday from 11:30-3:30, and Wednesday from 9:00am-2pm. Regular hours will resume in September. Have a wonderful Summer!



Elders & Deacons Needed

If you would like to service as an officer of your church, Elders and Deacons are needed. If interested or have any questions about what's involved contact Kathy Skerbetz at 908-720-6533

Bible Study

There will be **no Bible Study** in the Summer. We will resume in September.

Summer Sunday School

Our one room Sunday school program "Lego Faith Builders" for Preschool-5th grade will be held downstairs in the 3rd-5th-grade classroom every Sunday in the Summer. Please contact Kristyn Eckert if you have any questions 908-995-7703.



Trenton Thunder Baseball Game

The annual night at the ballpark with fireworks will be Saturday August 26th at 7pm. We will depart by bus from the church parking lot at 5:00pm for the Trenton Thunder home stadium at Arm & Hammer Park. There is a sign-up sheet on the "I Can Do That Board" so we know how many tickets we will need.

Trenton Thunder is an American Minor League Baseball team based in Trenton, NJ, that is a Double-A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

Soles for Souls

The Shoe count in the collection box in Fellowship Hall is now up to 2264. Way to go! We hit and passed the goal.

Music Ministry

Calling all musicians – any age – any instrument – no matter how many years of lessons or how long it has been since you played!! Rehearsals are planned for July 27 and August 17 in the early evening (specific time to be announced).– Contact Diane Reed at dianereed288@yahoo.com or Josh Wilson at pianomanjosh117@gmail.com, or see us in church – if you are interested. Get those instruments out and we'll have some fun making music for our Lord!