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Summer Worship Services

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

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 9, 2017

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

We are grateful for your presence here today! We believe our purpose is to love God and share Jesus Christ. We strive to be a congregation in which all feel welcomed and there are many opportunities to engage and grow.

Wherever you are in your journey with God, we want you to know you are welcome here.

Featured verse for three weeks during "Salt & Light" Sermon Series: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot." (Matthew 5:13)

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #300 vs. 1&4

"We Are One In the Spirit"

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-5 & Matthew 5:13-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Salt & Light, Week 1 of 3 "A City on a Hill"

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Hymn #697 vs 1 & 4

"Take My Life"

Charge and Blessing

9:30 A.M. Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

and also with you!

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Pastor: Clap your hands all you nations! And shout out to God with cries of joy!

People: How majestic is the name of The Lord Most High and how mighty is the Great Sovereign over all the earth!

Pastor: Sing praises to God; sing psalms in God's honor.

People: God reigns over the nations and God is exalted over all.

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all you people; praise God's everlasting name!

All: Let us worship God!

*Opening Praise and Worship Songs

"Mighty to Save" (Rueben Morgan and Ben Fielding)

"How Great is Our God" (Chris Tomlin)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you placed us in the world to be its salt. We often find ourselves, though, influenced by our insecurities. We are afraid of how others may judge us and so we hold back and our salt dissolved as if in water. Lord, you have placed us in the world to be its light. But too often we are scared of the unknown where others live in the shadows. We hold back instead of shining your light into the darkness. In response, our light has slowly faded. Lord, you placed us in the world to live in community and taught us to love, and to walk with others while seeking justice. Help us so that Your truth is incarnate in our lives. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

As far as the east is from the west, our God has removed our transgressions from us. Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

Sacrament of Baptism - *Owen Theodore Bench*,

Unison prayer: Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Song "This Little Light of Mine"

Children's Message

(Kid's may leave for Sunday School Program)

Passing the Peace Hymn #591

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Please pass the peace of Christ.)

"Halle, Halle!"

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-5,19-21

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Salt & Light, Week 1 of 3 "A City on a Hill"

God Calls Us to Respond

*Hymn #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Impossible Blessing

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #697

"Take My Life"

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

**please stand if able.*

Today we have the joyous occasion of an infant baptism in our worship service. Our session has approved today's baptism of Owen Theodore Bench. Owen was born on October 16, 2016 to Katie and Ted Bench. Katie and Ted have been actively attending Frenchtown Presbyterian. Please pray for Owen on this special day and for his parents in offering him to God for Christ's Baptism Blessing. We welcome Owen today as our newest baptized member!

Praise be to God!

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

Registration forms are available at the church or at www.alexpres.org

Community Outreach Program

The CS&O is sponsoring a new program – Senior Bingo Luncheons! Every Tuesday here at the church from 11:30-1:00pm. Join other local seniors, play some bingo, have a delicious free lunch and learn more about senior opportunities in our community!

Look for flyers to be posted. Contact Penni 908-237-0465 for more information and to register.

Sermon Series

Please Come and Worship with us in our Three Week Sermon Series, Salt & Light. We will reflect on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5:13-16. We aren't called to save the world, but we are called to make a difference with all that we are and all the we have to give. We cannot do or fix everything, but we can do something. And what we can do, we ought to do. We do not accomplish sharing light into darkness or giving flavor to life alone, but we do so in a community and with Jesus leading us. If we seek to make a difference, then we do so following Christ's direction. Come learn what being salt and light is all about.

July 9: Salt & Light, Week 1 of 3: A City on a Hill

July 16: Salt & Light, Week 2 of 3: Salty Saints

July 23: Salt & Light, Week 3 of 3: Light in a World of Darkness

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot." (Matthew 5:13)

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 9-15

Sunday

Mission Possible Mission Trip leaves

Monday

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

Alanon Meeting, 7:30pm

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

Thirds on Fourth Gathering

3rds on 4th from 6-9 pm at Pastor Courtney's Home (Church Manse) at 20 4th Street. This gathering is open to adults, youth, and children. Appetizers will be shared at 6 PM. Dinner will be at 6:45 and then there will be fellowship from 7:15 to 9 pm with S'mores. This is a potluck, so bring some items to share.

Upcoming dates: Friday, July 21, Friday, August 18, and Friday, September 15.



Something NEW- "Open House at Pastor Courtney's Home (Church Manse) with Coffee, Snacks, and Sweets." This gathering is for church members & leaders who will serve as "hosts" to welcome anyone who is a regular visitor, regular attender, or a new visitor who is interested in learning more about our pastor and/or Frenchtown Presbyterian. Open Houses for "Guests & Visitors" will be held the fourth Sunday of the month at the manse (20 4th Street) from 4-5:30 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for members, elders and deacons to sign up to serve as "hosts."

Upcoming gatherings are as follows: Sunday, July 23, Sunday, August 20, and Sunday, September 17.



"Small Group Gatherings for a Meet & Greet with The New Pastor." Please let Pastor Courtney know or Sign-up today to serve as a host of a small group gathering or to be a guest at a gathering. There will also be Meet & Greet the New Pastor offerings at the manse following the second service at 10:30. The first will be on July 23.

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

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.

Pantry Sunday

Next week is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring in something for the Food Pantry. Items needed are: canned beets, canned corn, paper products, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and soups. Thank you for your help!