

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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8:00 A.M. with Communion & 10:00 A.M.

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Short-Term illness

Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

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Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 18, 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

My Story of Faith – David Kokinda

*Hymn #216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Passing of the Peace

Lenten Reading

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Confronted by the Cross: Pontius Pilate”

A Moment for Mission

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Supper

Charge and Blessing

10:00 A.M. Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....**and also with you!**

Choral Introit

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks for the presence of God is in this place.

People: A sudden lifting of the heart, a child’s ready smile,

Leader: The song that comes quickly to our lips,

People: A feeling of acceptance and joy.

Leader: God moves over the mysteries of our living and our dying,

People: And leads us on a spiritual journey, making our lives songs of praise.

All: Let us Worship God!

*Hymn #213 vs 1,3,5 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, by remaining faithful until death, you show us the road to greater love. O Christ, by taking the burden of sin upon yourself, you reveal to us the way of generosity. O Christ, by praying for those who crucified you, you lead us to forgive without counting the cost. O Christ, by opening paradise to the repentant thief, you awaken hope in us. O Christ, come and help the weakness of our faith and create pure hearts within us. O Christ, come and renew and strengthen our spirit and remind us your Word is near. O Christ, come and ensure that your Word lives within us and protects us always. O Christ, forgive our sins and empower us to follow you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

(children may leave for Kid's Communities, Youth to Echo)

Passing the Peace Hymn #591 "Halle, Halle!"

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

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Lenten Reading

My Story of Faith – David Kokinda

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading Matthew 27:1-2

Choral Anthem

Scripture Reading Matthew 27:11-26

Sermon "Confronted by the Cross: Pontius Pilate"

*Hymn #166 vs 2,4 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

God Calls Us to Respond

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

A Moment for Mission

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

* Hymn #216 vs1,3

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

Postlude

**please stand if able*

*Child Care is available during the 10:00 am service for infants and young children. The nursery is located in room #5 down the back stairs and to the right.

Members and Visitors, please complete tear off section in the bulletin so we may find out more about you and what you would want to know about us.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Filled PLASTIC eggs are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. NO NUTS PLEASE. The egg hunt will be held after the 9:30 worship service on Easter morning and is open for all children 5th grade and under. Please bring a basket for your child to collect eggs in. For Information call Michelle at 908-797-4198 or Kristyn at 973-534-9155. Volunteers are needed to hide the eggs after the 8am Easter Sunday Service.

Support Groups – AA/Al Anon

Frenchtown Presbyterian has been home to Alcoholics Anonymous groups for 38 years. We believe in second chances and in a safe space for healing and support. We also have an Al anon group to support family and friends of those with alcoholism. We pray for those who struggle with addiction and for those who love and care for them. If you struggle with alcohol and you're ready to make different choices, we pray you seek out an AA group to guide you in this new path.

Here is what is offered at Frenchtown Presbyterian Church.

- Wednesday Night at 7:30 -PM Open Discussion Meeting with Speaker
- Tuesday Morning 6:30 AM - Open Meeting Daily Reflection
- Thursday Morning 6:30 AM - AA Open Meeting Big Book
- Saturday Morning at 8:30 am for Women "Morning Star" This is a closed meeting for women who have a desire to stop drinking
- Saturday at 7 pm Saturday Night Live - Open Speaker Discussion

ALANON

- Monday Nights at 7:30 pm
- Friday afternoon at 12pm-1pm

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 –March 19-25

Monday

Alanon, 7:30pm

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Mom and Me Music Program, 10:45-11:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn 11:30am

Homework Help in Fellowship Hall, 3-5pm

Session Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Bible Study, 9am

Ash Wednesday morning communion service, 7am

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Women's bible study, 10am-11:30am

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p-9pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

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

Morning Lenten Service

Wednesday Morning Lenten Communion Services, 7:00 – 7:20 AM through Wednesday, March 28. The services will be twenty minutes and length with communion, a small reflection, prayer, and scripture. Use these services to keep your mind and your heart focused on a need for God and for forgiveness during the holy season of Lent.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- March 25 Palm Sunday – regular service times, 8am & 10am.
- March 29, Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM, with Communion.
- March 30, Good Friday – 7:00 PM

April 1, Easter Sunday Services

- 6:30 AM - Sunrise Service behind the Milford Presbyterian Church at the ballfield.
- 8:00 AM - Communion Service
- 9:30 AM - Family service with Easter Egg hunt to follow (no communion)
- 11:00 AM - Family service, Choir Music (no communion)
- April 8 – Communion will be served at the 10 AM service

Easter Flowers

If you would like to order flowers for the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one or to the glory of God, today is the last day. Flowers available for order are tulips at \$6.00 per plant and daffodils, daisy mums and lilies at \$8.00 per plant. Additional order forms available at the back of the church. Contact Margaret Pfisterer if you have any questions at 610-294-9412.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. One Great Hour of Sharing donations help minister to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, those who are suffering from disaster, and those who are dealing with oppression. Every gift made will meet the needs of people and lives will be changed by our generosity. Donations to One Great Hour of Sharing support three programs of the Presbyterian Church; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People. Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing by making a donation anytime from now through Easter, using a One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in the pew rack or write OGHS in the check memo. *"You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."* Isaiah 58:12

Summer Mission Trip

Save the date! This summer's Mission Possible trip will be **July 29-August 4, 2018** to Black Mountain Children's Home in North Carolina. If you have any questions or would like more information please speak with Pete Gordon - at pmg012469@yahoo.com, Paul Pfisterer at pamadaka@epix.net, or Barbara Huey at barbarhuey1@gmail.com. A week serving others is like a week's vacation for your soul. Come join us!

Pavers for the Front Walkway

Are you looking for a long lasting way to honor the life of a family member or a special someone this Easter? If so.... consider giving a paver in **honor or in memory of your loved one**. Pavers will be installed in the front walk-way of the church with the name. Cost is \$99.00. Any questions please contact Bill Penyak at 908-625-6575 or the church office at 908-996-2227/office@frenchtownpres.org.