

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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

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Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

March 24, 2019 10 a.m. Worship

Third Sunday of Lent

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this hour we will pray,

because we long to draw near to God.

In this hour we will sing,

because words are hardly enough.

In this hour we will sit side by side,

as a reminder that we belong together.

And in this hour, we will cultivate faith – together.

So let us worship with open hearts.

Let us worship Holy God.

* HYMN #14 (VERSES 1,2,5)

For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, you tell us to cultivate compassion,
but too often we hold grudges and keep score.

You tell us to cultivate justice,

but too quickly we forget that we belong to one another.

You tell us to let go of judgment,

but we find stones are too easy to throw.

You tell us to let go of what others think,
but so easily we hold our worth in another's eyes.
Guide our feet, our hearts, and our minds to a better world.
Forgive us when we lose our way.
Gratefully we pray.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel: our barrenness is not the final word. The final word is to be found in God's everlasting mercy. God's fruitfulness will be showered upon us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING 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!**

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

HYMN #591

Halle, Halle!

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

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN (*Children may leave for Kids' program*)

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Spirit of All Wisdom, together, we seek your wisdom, and thirst for your Word. Gather us with open hearts that the barrenness of Lent might prepare us for the fruitfulness of Easter. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Psalm 63:1-8

ANTHEM

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

*HYMN #649

Amazing Grace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God of Creation, you gave the fig tree soil to stand in, sunlight to grow in, and water to rest in. You have done the same for us and so much more. In gratitude for the countless gifts you have given us – for community and love, food and shelter, dreams and hope – we give back this sign of our appreciation. Use it for your good. Amen.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love

* HYMN #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Some of today's prayers are used by permission from Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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

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.

Soup Supper

Wednesdays during Lent:

7am - communion and mediation service in the sanctuary

6:00 - Soup supper and devotional experience (6:45- 7:30) Each week after a simple supper, we will get some practical experience with a spiritual practice that can make a difference in our lives. Bring your children too; there will be Lent-centered projects for kids led by our youth.

There is a sign-up sheet on the "I Can do that Board" in Fellowship Hall to bring soup. Call Gayla Gerhardt at 908-310-0702 or Pastor Nancy at 908-996-2227 if you have any questions.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will be meeting Tuesday March 26th at 7pm. All are welcome! Call Gayla 908-310-0702, if you have any questions about what PW is and what they do.



Easter Flowers orders

Orders are now being taken for flowers in the sanctuary for Easter. \$6.00 per tulips, \$8.00 per daisy mums, lilies, and daffodils. Orders due no later than April 7th. Additional order forms are available at the back of church. Contact Margaret Pfisterer at 610-294-9412 or the church office if you have any questions.

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 25-30

Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30

Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am

Senior community outreach, 11:30am

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm

AA meeting, 8pm

PW Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday

7am Communion Service

Low Impact Senior Aerobics, 9:15-10:30, 11-12pm

Women's AA Meeting, 9:30 am in Memorial Parlor

Bible study, 9am

Lenten soup supper, 6pm

Lenten devotion, 6:45pm

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Yoga, 9:15-10:30

Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday

Alanon meeting 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

Senior Lunch and Learn

Frenchtown Community Service and Outreach - Senior Lunch and Learn program

11:30 -12:30pm - NIA class Moving to Healing (no impact aerobics)

12:30pm-1pm - Brown Bag lunch option

1:00pm-2pm - speaker or craft

Schedule:

March 26th - Jenn Salt from SNAP-ED "Healthy Cooking" (lunch provided)

April 5th - Jewelry Making and "The Family Dinner Table"

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.

Soles4Souls

The total shoe count in the box in Fellowship Hall is now at 4137 pairs of shoes. All shoes accepted.

Food Pantry - Ham collection

The Food Pantry will be collecting Easter Ham for the patrons of the Pantry. If you are willing to donate your free ham from Shop Rite please have to the church no later than April 14th. Please call Helen Lewis if you have any questions at 610-294-9623.



Spring Clean up

Save the Date! The church will be having a spring clean up day April 13th from 8a-12pm. Most of the work will be outside cleaning up the gardens and spreading mulch, but there will be clean up inside too! The more the merrier, even if you can only come for part of the time. Contact Paul Pfisterer at 610-294-9412 if you have any questions.

Worship and Music

Worship and Music are looking for people to assist Pastor Nancy with worship on Sundays. Please see the sign-up sheet on "The I Can Do It" board in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions please see Pastor Nancy or Gayla Gerhardt.

Summer Mission Trip

This year's mission trip will be in support of the Cumberland Neighborhood Housing Services in Cumberland, Maryland. The trip will run from July 28 - August 3, 2019.

We will be volunteers with their NAILS program. From their website:

"NAILS" is not an acronym. It is the name of a Mission Program that utilizes donations of supplies and funds, as well as volunteer labor to repair and improve local homes so that homeowners can live comfortably and safely in their home for as long as possible. The program specifically emphasizes assisting those with mobility impairments and health and safety concerns, as well as those in financial or dire need."

Volunteers are requested to commit by the end of April. All questions can be directed to Peter Gordon at pmg012469@yahoo.com or 908-229-6835.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

April Newsletter

Any information for the April newsletter is due by Monday March 25th. If you would like to email the information to the church office, the email is office@frenchtownpres.org Thank you!