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

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Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Passing of the Peace

A Reading for Palm Sunday

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 9:9-17, Luke 19:28-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Loud Hosannas”

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!**

All children are invited to participate in Palm Sunday

Procession. When the announcement is made, children will go to the back of the sanctuary to receive a palm branch and line up to process during the opening hymn. Children will process in waving their palms.

Choral Introit – Children Singing

“Give Me Oil in my Lamp”

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to meet Jesus in His Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem. We join with the crowds and call out Hosanna.

People: As we enter Holy Week we are filled with praise and joy waving palm branches

Leader: We know the week's journey will lead us to betrayal and death, but we will cradle hope in our hearts.

People: We lay our palm branches, our coats and our love before Jesus as he rides on in majesty.

Leader: Setting aside all power, all glory, and all might, Jesus comes to model humility and obedience

People: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Blessed is He Who Brings Us the Kingdom of God!

All: Let us worship God!

*Procession of Palms/Opening Hymn #196 vs 1-3

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love and purpose, you know that our weakness causes us to join the crowds versus to stand alone. We sing "Hosanna" with others in your sanctuary, but then we lose our way outside the doors. We boldly proclaim your name when all is wonderful, but we forget your steadfast promises in our trials and suffering. We allow ourselves to be influenced by our peers and to be led into disobedience. We are often silent and afraid to speak on your behalf or to speak up for those who need our voice. You sent Jesus, your Son, to save those who sin against you. We admit that we need your forgiveness. It's easy to point the finger at others, but we know that we are broken just like everyone around us. Please be patient with us and help us to understand your Word and your Ways. Transform us through the power of your Holy Spirit into faithful disciples. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children Singing

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!

A Reading for Palm Sunday

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 9:9-17

Choral Anthem

"The Lord is Coming Today"

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Sermon

"Loud Hosannas"

*Hymn #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

God Calls Us to Respond

Prayers of the People followed by the Lord's Prayer

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 #198 vs 1,2,4

"Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!"

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 insert 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.

Community Outreach – National Move More Day

Join Frenchtown Presbyterian and Harvest Success Center for NATIONAL MOVE MORE DAY on Wednesday, April 4 from 10:30am until Noon. We will gather first for a Healthy Breakfast at the manse (Pastor Courtney's house next door) and then "move more" in a Walk Around Town. Breakfast starts at 10:30am, the walk starts at 11:00am. Breakfast Food items will be served & potluck items are welcome! Everyone is invited to join in.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will be meeting on Tuesday March 27th at 7pm in the Memorial Parlor. All Women are invited. Contact Gayla Gerhart at 908-310-0702 if you have any questions.

Soles4Souls

Total shoe count in the Soles4Souls box in Fellowship Hall is 2988. 12 more to go to hit 3000.

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 26-April 1

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

PW Meeting, 7pm in Memorial Parlor

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

Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12pm

Kid's Communities Activity, 10am

Good Friday Service, 7pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

Next Sunday

Sunrise Service, 6:30am

Easter Services, 8am, 9:30am, and 11am

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 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

Good Friday – Kid’s Communities

We will be holding a special Kids Communities from 10-11:30am in Fellowship Hall on March 30th, Good Friday. Children will listen to an interactive story called "Benjamin's Box", dye Easter eggs, and create a snack. Contact Kristyn Eckert if you have any questions at 973-534-9155.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is one of three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. During 2016, the Presbyterian Hunger Program gave over 160 grants totaling more than \$1.2 million dollars to communities across the United States and 37 other countries. These funds were used to distribute grain through food banks, to construct fuel-efficient stoves for families in Guatemala, and wells and hand pumps in Sierra Leone and Liberia, to help people regain land that had been forcefully taken from them, and to support many other efforts to reduce hunger and its causes. Our donation to One Great Hour of Sharing helped to make this possible. Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing by making a donation anytime from now through Easter, using an One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in the pew rack. As the Bible says, if you help the hungry and the afflicted, then “*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 barbarahuey1@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 Kevin Smith at 215-715-4166 or the church office at 908-996-2227/office@frenchtownpres.org.