

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 31, 2019 10 a.m. Worship

Fourth 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

Jesus, Thy Boundless love for Me

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of this day, cultivate in us a spirit of worship –

Hearts that pray, ears that hear, eyes that see, minds that believe.

God of this space, cultivate in us a spirit of worship –

Letting go of distractions and fears, isolation and doubt.

God of this day, cultivate in us a spirit of worship –

For you are love, our new beginning, and we will always need that.

Let us worship Holy God.

* HYMN #63

The Lord is God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we are works in progress. In spaces where we could be cultivating belonging,

we build up walls.

In spaces where we could let go of anger,

we keep score like it's our job and insist on an "eye-for-an-eye" justice.

So today we pray -

**remind us how to cultivate hope, love, and justice.
Remind us how to let go of fear, perfection, and hatred.
Forgive us. Guide us. Heal us.**

Gratefully we pray,

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God rejoices over each of us: "This son, this daughter of mine was dead and is alive again, lost and is found!" in Jesus Christ we are reconciled. 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*)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

ANTHEM How Great is the Father's Love

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

*HYMN #301(verses 1,3,5)

Let Us Build a House

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*)

May these offerings bring life-changing good news, both to those who give and to all who are reached by the caring ministries of the church.

May they help to restore relationships that echo your steadfast love around the world. In Christ's name. Amen.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love

* HYMN #546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God is so Good

POSTLUDE

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

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our church will collect for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), a special offering of PC(USA), on Palm Sunday and Easter. Fish banks were distributed last Sunday, for the kids to collect loose change over the next few weeks as part of the OGHS offering. There are also OGHS envelopes in the pews if you would like to make a donation. A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. **Please return fish banks to church on Palm Sunday or Easter.**

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.



EGG DONATIONS

WE NEED YOU, FPC families...we need pre-filled EGGS for our Easter Egg Hunt that will be held after the 9:30am Easter Service. All donations can be left in the kitchen. Thank you in advance!

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 – April 1-7

Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30
Deacon Meeting, 7pm
Girl Scout meeting, 4-5:30pm

Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am
Senior community outreach, 11:30am
Boy Scouts, 7:30pm
AA meeting, 8pm

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

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.



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.

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.

Free Super Senior Nia Program

Frenchtown Community Service and Outreach - Senior Lunch and Learn program

Schedule:

4-2 Sun Catchers and Positive Parenting with Penni!

4-9 Jenn Salt with SNAP-ED "Cooking Healthy!" Lunch provided!

4-16 Embodied Wisdom Circle for Women with Autumn!
(meditation)

4-23 Jenn Salt from SNAP-ED "Cooking Healthy"- Lunch provided!

4-30 Craft Time and "How to be a Good Role Model" with Penni!

5-7 Spring Plantings with Penni and The Value of Positive Grand parenting!

5-14 Jenn Salt from SNAP-ED "Cooking Healthy!"- Lunch provided!

5-21 Embodied Wisdom Circle for Women with Autumn!

5-28 Jenn Salt from SNAP-ED "Cooking Healthy"- lunch provided

6-4 Jewelry Making and "The Family Dinner Table" with Penni!

6-11 Jenn Salt from SNAP-ED "Cooking Healthy"- Lunch provided!

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.

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.

FPC Concert Series

Save the Date(s) for two more performances in the Frenchtown Presbyterian Concert series. The first concert will feature The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble on April 28th at 4:00 p.m. They will perform their spring concert "The Storm Shall Pass" featuring music of turmoil and solace.

Then, on May 26th at 2:00 we will feature the Mother Jones Brass Quintet. The Mother Jones Brass Quintet is an all-female brass quintet based out of the Lehigh Valley, PA. They perform a variety of both sacred and secular music, and for this concert will feature many patriotic favorites in honor of Memorial Day.