

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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

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Benevolence

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

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Short-Term illness

Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

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Jen Griffith 908-625-2943

Hospitality

Joyce Hartpence 908-246-0058

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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Deborah Fiebig 908-996-6436

Bereavement

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

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Youth Connection

Madelyn Freeman

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 4, 2018

The Third 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

*Hymn #826

“Lift High The Cross”

Passing of the Peace

Lenten Reading: Excerpts from “My Brokenness, His Love,
My Healing” by Steve Wickham

Scripture Reading Luke 8:1-3, Mark 15:37-42

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Confronted by the Cross: Mary Magdalene”

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: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes
me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still
waters;

**People: He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for
his name’s sake.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

All: Let us Worship God!

*Hymn #826 vs 1,3,4

“Lift High The Cross”

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, during this Lenten season, we come before you to confess that we have forgotten all that you have created us to be. You have created us not only to love you and others, but also to love ourselves. We confess that we often place our trust in the opinions of others, rather than in the abundant love you have for us. We confess that we often lose control, allowing our fear and anxieties to rule. We choose not to offer grace, and become embittered with others. We betray you in putting trust in ourselves, rather than in your will for our lives. In your mercy and compassion, Oh God, forgive us for our sins. Help us to follow you faithfully, especially in the season of lent. In Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Message

Passing the Peace Hymn #591

“Halle, Halle!”

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Lenten Reading: Excerpts from “My Brokenness, His Love, My Healing” by Steve Wickham

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Readings

Luke 8:1-3, Mark 15:37-41

Sermon

“Confronted by the Cross: Mary Magdalene”

*Hymn #629 vs.1-3

“Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee”

God Calls Us to Respond

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Choral Anthem

Doxology* “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution/Breaking and Pouring

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #720 vs. 1,3

“Jesus Calls Us”

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.



Easter Egg Hunt

Filled PLASTIC eggs are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. NO NUTS PLEASE. The hunt will be held after the 9:30 worship service on Easter morning. The hunt 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.

Book Club

Come join us at the next Book Club, Monday, March 12th 7-9pm. Downstairs of the church. Light refreshments will be provided. The Book is *"Before We Were Yours"* by Lisa Wingate. Contact Kristyn Eckert at 973-534-9155 or the church office if you have any questions. All are welcome!

Free Tax Prep Services

FPC is hosting United Way free tax preparation. Dates scheduled are, March 20th & April 10th. Appointments are needed. Please dial 2-1-1 ext 27 to schedule an appointment. Hosted by Frenchtown Community Services and Outreach Group.

Stewardship

2018 Annual Pledge Budget : \$120,000
2018 Annual Pledge Commitment Received: \$112,068
2018 Pledge Budget through February: \$20,000
2018 Pledge Dollars received through February: \$14,796
If you have not yet pledged in 2018 we ask that you consider doing so
The Stewardship and Finance Committee

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 4-10

Today

Pancake Breakfast, 8-12

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor
Deacon Meeting, 7pm

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

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

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am
AA Meeting 7pm
Frenchtown Park Clean up, 8am-5pm

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.

Easter Flowers

Time to order flowers for the Sanctuary. 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. Orders due March 18th. Contact Margaret Pfisterer if you have any questions at 610-294-9412.

Community Pancake Breakfast

Free Pancake Breakfast, TODAY, 8am-12pm.
Come celebrate National Pancake Day with us!

Bible Study - postponed

Monday Night Bible Study – it has been decided to postpone the Monday night bible study gatherings for now. There will be plans for additional bible study offerings in the future.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday night March 10th

Mission Project

Frenchtown Borough Park (Behind Napoli's) from 8am-5pm, next Saturday, March 10th. We are helping to rebuild the main play structure which was originally installed in 1996. Come ready and eager to jump into demolition, construction, cleaning and staining. We hope that you will help us give back to our great community. Contact Robert Ross for questions at 609-571-8012.

Kid's Communities/Youth Group Mission Project

Our Kids Communities and Youth Group are doing a combined mission/service project making "Blessing Bags" and the Youth Group will be distributing them locally. These bags are filled with items needed by homeless individuals. We have extended the time to collect items for the blessing bags until next Sunday, March 11th. All children/youth are invited to stay after church to assemble the bags and the Youth Group will distribute them.

One Great Hour of Sharing

"You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in." Isaiah 58:12. Every year, the Presbyterian Church USA assist people throughout the world whose lives have been torn apart by natural disaster, hunger, oppression, or injustice. Three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and The Self Development of People –through donations, work to repair the tears of those hurting. Information is available on the table in Fellowship Hall. By making a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing, each of us becomes a "repairer of the breach," helping to bridge the divide that keep people from living a life of wholeness. You may make your donation anytime from now through Easter, using a One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in the pew rack. The children are collecting as well, extra fish banks are available.