

## 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

May 5, 2019 10 a.m. Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Eastertide

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is a new day!

**New life is rising among us!**

Today we are challenged to live fully in God's love.

**So, we will greet one another in love.**

We will praise the God who lifts us up in grace!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

\*HYMN #233

*The Day of Resurrection!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have been so preoccupied with the pains of life that we have missed the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the new life you set among us.

**Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift of new life and redeeming love; open our lips and our hands to share it with all humanity, in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news! God's boundless love lives and is at work in our lives. In gratitude for this renewing love let us praise God!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

\*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

**God Speaks to Us Through God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Living Word, be present to us, as you were present to your disciples. Make yourself known to us in scripture and in the breaking of the bread that we may live to serve you more fully. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 25

ANTHEM

GOSPEL

John 21:9-19

MESSAGE

**God Calls Us to Respond**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #511 *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love**

\* HYMN #767

*Together We Serve*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

### 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.". All questions can be directed to Peter Gordon at [pmg012469@yahoo.com](mailto:pmg012469@yahoo.com) or 908-229-6835.

### Presbyterian Women

Save the Date! All women of the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women' end of the year picnic on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the home of Connie Sworen. Please bring a dish to share. All are invited even if not a member of PW. Contact Gayla if you have any questions at 908-310-0702.

## 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 – May 6-11

#### Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30

Girl Scouts, 4-5:30pm

Deacon Meeting, 7pm

#### Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am

Senior community outreach, 11:30am

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm

AA meeting, 8pm

#### Wednesday

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

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

Bible study, 9am

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

#### Next Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

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.

**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

### **Pot-Luck Luncheon**

Come enjoy the diverse cultures in our own community. Join us TODAY after the 10:00am service, for fellowship and good food. It's an international pot luck. Make a dish from your culture and bring to share. Sign up on the "I can do board" to confirm we do not have duplicate dishes. Any questions see Dave or Jen Griffith or call Jen at 908-625-2943

### **Kid's Communities**

The last day of Kids Communities will be Sunday, May 19th  
Come join us as we celebrate another fantastic year at FPC.

### **Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner**

Want to support our summer Mission trip to Maryland this summer? We would love to have you join us from July 28th -Aug 3rd, but if you can't..... please c'mon out for a delicious pulled pork dinner on Sunday, May 19th! Join us anytime between from 4-6:30 pm - \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-17, under age 5 free! Bring a friend or neighbor please, and enjoy a feast and friendship! If you can, please bring a dessert to share. Anyone who would like to help, please be in touch with Mission & Outreach elders, Maureen Breiner, Bill Penyak or Barbara Huey.

### **Vacation Bible School**

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School 2019  
Dates: July 8th - 12th  
Milford Presbyterian Church

### **Book Club**

Monday, May 13th @ 7pm at Jimmy's Ice Cream (weather permitting)  
Book: The Huntress by Kate Quinn

"Bold and fearless, Nina Markova always dreamed of flying. When the Nazis attack the Soviet Union, she risks everything to join the legendary Night Witches, an all-female night bomber regiment wreaking havoc on the invading Germans. When she is stranded behind enemy lines, Nina becomes the prey of a lethal Nazi murderess known as the Huntress, and only Nina's bravery and cunning will keep her alive.



### **Deacon Breakfast**

Come meet your Deacon! Deacons will be sponsoring a breakfast on May 19th. Join them in Fellowship Hall and introduce yourselves, let us know about what is happening in your life! It starts at 8:30am and will go until the 10:00am service.

### **Presbytery Invitation to all Members**

All Congregations and all ministers are invited to a meeting like no others! Come for a Deeper Connection with Each other, with the Presbytery of New Brunswick and with the committee on Ministry. Come to renew hope for the future. Come to be fed by the word, by the work of the Kingdom and by table fellowship. May 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church.