

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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Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

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Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884

Short-Term illness

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Jen Griffith 908-625-2943

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Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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Bereavement

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Maddie Hendrix

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Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

November 11, 2018 10 a.m. Worship

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that life is good, and that it comes from God.

We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life's long journey.

We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust that God's love is in our future.

Let us praise God with our whole hearts and entrust our lives to God's hands.

* PRAISE BAND

10,000 Reasons

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of the spirit of kindness, in the glory of earth and sea and stars, in the kaleidoscope of color and shade and shapeliness. in the patterns of humor and tenderness and touch, we celebrate your generosity.

Forgive us when we forget the gift in our every breath, the care that sustains our every moment, the grace that can transform our every day.

Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires, resentful spirits. Give us the courage to act with justice and generosity and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep score. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure –spilling out and running over.

Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

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!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (*Children may leave for Kids’ program*)

God Speaks to Us Through God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Almighty God, as we read your Scriptures today let your presence touch our minds. Let our hearts be filled with your mercy, grace, and truth so that we may walk in your way - today and always; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

*PRAISE BAND

Sanctuary

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Lord, sometimes we feel like we have nothing to give. Sometimes we feel like this world just takes. It drains us dry, Lord. We sometimes feel like we just don't have

enough to go on. Not enough money, not enough energy, not enough hope.

But we know better. We might not have fancy cars and fame; we might not have titles and positions; we might not have a home to call our own; we might not have a lot of free time. But we have you, and you give.

Lord you give us so much. You give us shelter and daily bread. You give us families and friends. You give us hope, love, and faith. You give us yourself.

You meet us where we are. It might be in prison. It might be in the classroom. It might be in the ditch. It might be on the streets. It might be in our homes. It might be in a homeless shelter. It might be in a cathedral. It might be a storefront.

You meet us and you give. So what we have, we give to you. Like the widow who gave all she had, we know we can't beat your giving. We have enough, and we give to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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*)

For every benefit we praise you, God; for every gift received and for each gift we are blessed in giving.

For all your goodness we give thanks to you: the providence which made and nourishes life; the presence which brings meaning to daily life through love; and the promise that gives hope for each new moment.

For these graces we return our thanks, through the mercies of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God’s Love

*HYMN # 700

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE



PW Holiday Bazaar

The Presbyterian Women are asking for your help.

On November 16th and 17st we will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar. If you are crafty and would like to donate homemade items we would **greatly appreciate** them. **Please price items.**

We will also be collecting white elephant items. **NO** Books, Clothes or DVD's. Please have items to the church No later than Thursday Nov. 15th. **Please price items.**

We are also asking for donations of baked goods for our bake sale.

Please have baked goods to the church on Thursday Nov. 15th.

Please do not price. For info please contact Gayla at 908-310-0702

Angel Tree

Once again, the Deacons will be sponsoring the Angel Tree to provide Christmas gifts for the children and grandchildren our Food Pantry families and assist the Holiday Fund, which provides Christmas gifts to local families in need, which is sponsored by the Frenchtown Lions Club and the Frenchtown American Legion. On Sunday, November 25th, the Christmas tree in the Rotunda will be filled with Angel tags that will have information about the child and a wish list, as well as wrapping instructions and other information. Please take an angel, or two, and help make Christmas morning brighter and happier for these children. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Kacerek Cooley at 973.271.7094 or by email dkacerekcooley@gmail.com

Bible Study

Don't forget, every Wednesday morning bible study meets downstairs in the youth group room at 9am. Come as you can no need to make every week. All are welcome!

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 – November 12-18

Monday

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Mommy and Me Music Program, 10:45am

Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30am

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm

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

Bible Study, 9am, in youth room downstairs

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12pm

Holiday Bazaar, 9am-1p & 5-7

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

Holiday Bazaar, 8:30am-2pm

Next Sunday

Holiday Bazaar, 8:30am-2pm

Monthly Breakfast

Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Deb Hill 908-507-8803**, 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

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church youth group is hosting their 4th annual FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Sunday, November 18th starting at 4pm at the church. All are welcome. Just come and share a meal and make new friends!

Poinsettia orders for Christmas

Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary for Christmas time. Red or White available for \$8.00 per plant. Placed in memory of, in honor of, or to the Glory of God. Orders will be accepted until December 2nd. Contact Margaret Pfisterer at 610-294-9412 if you have any questions.

Christian Ed-Kid's Communities

We are in search of teachers for our Sunday School program this year. There is no experience necessary and all lessons can be reviewed the day you are teaching. You can sign up as little or as much as you would like. If you are willing to teach please see Krysten Eckert or call her at 973-534-9155, Tonya Reese 908-310-9240, or Lynn Freeman at 267-784-2152.

Snacks needed for Sunday School: Peanut and egg free preferred, If you are willing to donate, please drop the snack off in the kitchen and label it Sunday School.

Community Outreach

The Senior Lunch and Learn program on Tuesday mornings, in conjunction with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County, will be running an Introduction to Mindful Eating program November 13, 20th, 27th and Dec 4th from 1:30-2:45pm. Pre-registration is requested. Contact Penni at 908-237-0465

Food Pantry

Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Items needed, are pasta, pasta sauces, mayo, ketchup, tuna, stuffing, and all the "fixins" for a Thanksgiving dinner. Also, if you would like to donate your free holiday item from Shop Rite, please put in church freezer and label it for the Food Pantry, or call Helen Lewis at 610-294-9623. Thank you.