

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

November 17, 2019 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

As Those of Old

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Business of Nominating Committee Bill Penyak, Chair

Adjournment

*HYMN #385 (vss. 1,3,4) *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of amazing grace, you have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy.

Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions and not into a church that you have created and blessed.

Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Believe the good news of the gospel.: 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 Kid's Communities)

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:19-21

ANTHEM

The Earth is the Lord's

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:36-38

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

* HYMN #711

Lord of All Good

SERVANT SHARING

Dan and Ellen Cwynar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Bless these gifts, gracious God, and bless all those who will be served because of them. We bring these offerings because we hope for more in the days ahead. We hope for a stronger church, a more compassionate world, and a time of peace.

Shape us, through our giving, into people more faithful to your Word and a people full of joy and good news. We dedicate them along with our lives and all that we are. Bless the lives of all your children. Amen.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love

* HYMN #748

Go With Us, Lord

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go, My Children

POSTLUDE

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

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Christmas Pageant

This year we will be opening up the pageant to all: kids, parents, adults, family units! All are welcome to participate. Please come and join us in making the holiday joyful.

For those who don't want to be on the main stage but want to help out there is also always room for anyone willing to help with costuming! Any and all are welcome. Contact Karina Fengler at kfengler379@gmail.com if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.



Announcement of Congregational Meeting

A meeting of the congregation of the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church will take place in the sanctuary Today immediately after the call to worship at the 10:00 am worship service for the purpose of election of officers to fill vacated terms. After elections the meeting will be adjourned and the worship will continue.



New Beginnings

Plan to join us for a congregation-wide conversation: **Today, from 11:30-1:00**. This is your opportunity to talk about FPC's gifts and ministries from your personal point of view. Come share what you think are the best things about FPC!

"See, I will do a new thing. It will begin happening now." Isaiah 43:19

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 18-24

Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30

Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am

Senior Program, 11:30am

Session Meeting, 7pm

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm

AA meeting, 8pm

Wednesday

Bible Study, 9am

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

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

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

Concert, 2pm

Thanksgiving Dinner, 4pm

PW Holiday Bazaar & Soup Sale

On November 22-24, 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.

Beginning **today**, November 17th, we will also be collecting white elephant items. Please NO books, clothes, DVD's or glassware. Please have items to the church No later than Thursday November 21st. PLEASE PRICE ITEMS.

PW is also looking for donations of baked goods for the bake sale. Please have baked goods to the church on Thursday, November 21st. **Please do not price.** For information or questions, please contact Gayla at 908-310-0702 or Marie at 908-996-3561.

Angel Tree Gifts

Once again, the Deacons will be sponsoring the Angel Tree to provide Christmas gifts for the children and grandchildren of our Food Pantry families and assist the Holiday Fund. The Holiday Fund is sponsored by the Frenchtown Lions Club and Frenchtown American Legion and provides holiday gifts to over 100 children and their families, in Frenchtown and surrounding communities.

The Christmas tree in the Rotunda will have tags that will have information about the child and a wish list, as well as wrapping instructions and other information, the Sunday **after** Thanksgiving. When choosing a tag, don't forget to enter your name, telephone number and email address for the tag number you are taking on the signup sheets - there are sheets for the Food Pantry and Holiday Fund tags. The gifts must be at the church by **Sunday, December 15th, with the gift tags attached to the gift - drop off boxes will be in the Rotunda.** If you have any questions, contact Debbie Kacerek Cooley at 973.271.7094 or by email dkacerekcooley@gmail.com



FPC CONCERT SERIES

Next up in the Concert series is the Mercer County Community College Jazz Band next Sunday, November 24th at 2pm. Admission is free with a good will offering taken to support the music ministry at the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church.



Time to Order flowers

It's time to order Poinsettia plants for Christmastime. In honor of, or in memory of those you love. Red or White plants are available for \$8.00 per plant. Order forms available at the back of the sanctuary. Please have orders in by December 8th to Margaret Pfisterer 610-294-9412.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Youth Group is hosting their 5th annual FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Sunday, November 24th starting at 4pm (at the church). All are welcome. Just come and share a meal and make new friends! There is a Sign-up Sheet in Fellowship Hall on the "I Can Do that Board" for donations. Contact Robert Ross at rob@frenchtownpres.org for questions