

## Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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### Worship Services

8:00 A.M. with Communion & 10:00 A.M. with Kid's Communities

#### Session (Elders)

##### Buildings and Grounds

John Fiebig 908-996-6436

Paul Pfisterer (chair) 610-294-9412

##### Christian Education

Tonya Reese (chair) 908-310-9240

Lynn Freeman 267-784-2152

##### Worship & Music

Landon McDonald(chair)

908-872-1646

Gayla Gerhardt 908-310-0702

##### Mission and Outreach

Maureen Breiner(chair)908-995-4173

Bill Penyak 908-625-6575

Barbara Huey 908-268-3063

##### Stewardship

Leslie Callanan 908-310-9412

Pete Gordon (chair) 908-229-6835

Diane Reed 610-294-6673

##### Clerk of Session

Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

#### Board of Deacons

##### Benevolence

Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884

##### Short-Term illness

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Jen Griffith 908-625-2943

##### Hospitality

Joyce Hartpence 908-246-0058

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

##### Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

Deborah Hill 908-507-8803

Deborah Fiebig 908-996-6436

##### Bereavement

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

##### Youth Connection

Maddie Hendrix

##### Events

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Corporation President – Peter Gordon 908-229-6835  
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#### Church Staff

##### Transitional Pastor

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##### Church Secretary

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##### Treasurer

Sue Fitchett 908-996-2227

##### Food Pantry

Helen Lewis 610-294-9623

##### Youth Pastor

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##### Financial Secretary

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## Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

November 18, 2018 10 a.m.

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**We are glad to worship the Lord. We sing God's praises!**

Know that the Lord is God. God made us and we belong to God.

**We rejoice! We are God's people!**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

**We are filled with thanks for God! Blessed is the name of the Lord!**

\*HYMN # 37

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

### We Give Thanks for God's Good Earth

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

"I Make My Sacrament of Thanksgiving" *Howard Thurman*

ANTHEM *The Earth is the Lord's*

VIDEO *"How Wolves Change Rivers"*

PRAYER *Walter Rauschenbush*

**Leader:** O God, we thank you for this earth, our home

**Men:** For the wide sky and the blessed sun,

**Women:** For the salt sea and running water,  
**Men:** For the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds,  
**Women:** For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
**ALL: We thank you for our senses**  
**Men:** By which we hear the songs of birds,  
**Women:** And see the splendor of the summer fields,  
**Men:** And taste of autumn fruits,  
**Women:** And rejoice in the feel of snow.  
**Men:** And smell the breath of the spring.  
**ALL: Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;  
And save our souls from being so blind that we pass  
unseeing when even the common thrush is aflame with  
your glory, O God, our creator, who lives and reigns for  
ever and ever.**

**We Give Thanks for Relationships**

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*All exchange signs and words of God's peace.*

HYMN #591

*Halle, Halle!*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:3-4, 7a

"I Make My Sacrament of Thanksgiving" *Howard Thurman*

PRAYER *Daphne Rose Kingma*

**We Give Thanks for God's Call to Work and Service**

"I Make My Sacrament of Thanksgiving" *Howard Thurman*

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:10-11

VIDEO *"The Coffinmaker"*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* DOXOLOGY *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

\* LITANY OF DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND 2019 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS

Session: The Creator of all life and love has given our earth  
bountiful blessings.

**People: God created humanity to share in the wonder and  
joy of these blessings.**

Session: All thanks be to God, Giver and Receiver of all that  
is good.

**People: We return to God portions of what God has given  
us: our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.**

Session: May the giving from the fullness of our lives be  
acceptable in God's sight.

**People: May the gifts we bring show that God's rule is at  
hand—both now and to come.**

Session: We dedicate our offerings toward the ministry God  
has given us.

**People: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**We Give Thanks for Citizenship and Freedom**

SCRIPTURE: I Timothy 2:1-4

"I Make My Sacrament of Thanksgiving" *Howard Thurman*

\*HYMN #340 *This is My Song (stanzas 1,2)*

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION *Abraham Lincoln*

**We Give Thanks for Life in Christ**

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:12-17

"I Make My Sacrament of Thanksgiving" *Howard Thurman*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

VIDEO *"I Choose Thankful"*

\*HYMN #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Go, My Children*

POSTLUDE

### Christmas Pageant

It's that time of year again!!! Although we have a little over a month, the Christmas Season is nearing us! What an exciting time of year it is. The lights will be hung and be shining bright, trees will be up and decorated, stores will be filled with people looking for the perfect gift, and the most important reason for the season; the birth of Jesus Christ, the best gift that could have ever been given to us. We need all youth involved, young and old! There are many ways to help; speaking parts, non-speaking parts, lights, sound, back stage hands. We also need some parents willing to help us out as well. There is room for everyone!!! Anyone interested in being a part of this year's pageant is encouraged to attend our first rehearsal on Sunday, November 18th, right after the 10am service. The Christmas Pageant will be held on Friday, December 21, 2018 @ 7pm. Please contact me for more information, mhendrix@ptd.net / (908) 797-4198

### 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. Today, 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](mailto:dkacerekcooley@gmail.com)

## 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 19-25**

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Mommy and Me Music Program, 10:45am

Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30am & Mindful Eating Program

Session Meeting, 7pm

#### 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

Alanon meeting, 12pm

#### Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

**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](mailto:kennyg12@ptd.net)

### **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church youth group is hosting their 4th annual FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER today 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**

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:45pm.

Pre-registration is requested. Contact Penni at 908-237-0465

### **Family Portraits**

Brokaw Studios in Frenchtown is offering a special to benefit the food pantry. November 23-24 from 12-5pm in the studio, at 34 Bridge St you can schedule a family portrait with all donation going to the food pantry. Suggested donation of \$20.00. Contact Brokaw Studios at 908-996-4440 to schedule an appointment.

### **Newsletter information**

All information for the December Newsletter needs to be in the church office no later than November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bible Study**

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!

### **Sunday Morning Bagel Help**

Do you enjoy bagels on Sunday mornings? Right now, we could use some help cleaning up the bagels after the second service. If you can take 10 minutes to help us, that would be great, and we can all continue to enjoy bagels together. Call or text Deb Hill at 908-507-8803, or sign up on the "I Can Do That" board in Fellowship Hall. Thanks!