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

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Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 12, 2017

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #336

“We Gather Together”

Passing of the Peace

A Moment for Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:1-6., Matthew 7:24-27, Acts 16:16-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Foundations of Faith: Gifts, Miracles, and Gratitude

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

“Gather Us In”

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship (Psalm 100: 1-2, 4-5)

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

People: Worship the Lord with gladness;

Leader: come into His presence with singing.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Leader: Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

People: For the Lord is good;

Leader: His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.

ALL: Let us Worship God!

*Hymn #336

“We Gather Together”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You in return. You call us, but we have not listened to You. We walk by our neighbors in need wrapped-up in our own concerns. When it suits our purposes, we condone what You clearly condemn. God of grace, help us admit our sins, so You come to us in mercy. Help us repent and turn to You to receive Your forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, we pray.
Amen

Assurance of Pardon

A Moment for Thanksgiving

Children’s Message

(Kid's leave for Kid's Communities, Youth for Echo)

Passing the Peace Hymn #591

“Halle, Halle!”

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you! (Please pass the peace of Christ.)

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6, Matthew 7:24-27

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Choral Anthem

“One Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

Foundations of Faith: Gifts, Miracles, and Gratitude

God Calls Us to Respond

*Hymn #661

“Why Should I Feel Discouraged”

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory/Anthem

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Doxology*

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn# 354 vs.1,3

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

“Fold Amen”

Postlude

**please stand if able*

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

November is the season of Thanksgiving. Consider inviting a friend to worship or to one of our ministry opportunities any time during the month of November. There are many in our midst who might be looking for a church home. Why not ask and invite? Perhaps Frenchtown Presbyterian is exactly where they need to be.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner

The Youth group will be sponsoring a Community Dinner **TONIGHT at 4pm.** Contact Robert Ross - rob@frenchtownpres.org
If you have any questions. All Are Welcome! Come Enjoy Good Food & Great Community.

Community Service and Outreach Program

Free Senior Lunch and Learn Program, Tuesdays 11:30-1:30

Guest Speaker Schedule:

Nov. 21 - Mindfulness with Harvest Family Success

Nov.28 - I Choose Home

Dec 5th - Famous Women Speak about Aging

Dec. 12 - Preparing your Estate Plan



Christmas Pageant

It's getting to that time of year again!!! 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!!! Please sign up! **The Christmas Pageant will be held on Friday, December 22, 2017 at 7pm.** Please contact Michelle for more information, mhendrix@ptd.net or (908) 797-4198.

Jesus is the reason for the season!

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 - Nov. 19th-Nov.25

Today

PW Bazaar, 8:30pm-12pm

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 4pm

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30-1pm

Session Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Bible Study, 9am

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p-9pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Jen Griffith at 908-25-2943** if you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs other assistance from the Deacons.



Book Club

Come join us at the next Book Club: Monday, November 27th from 7-9pm downstairs at the church. The book we will be discussing is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. It will be a Pot Luck so bring some of your Thanksgiving leftovers to share!



Advent Wreath Workshop

Our *Advent Wreath Workshop* will be held Sunday December 3rd after the 10AM worship. We will provide a reusable wreath base, the supplies to roll your own beeswax candles, and a Family Devotional for the Sundays in Advent. **Bring some greenery from your yard to share** ~ everything else will be provided! Please contact Kristyn Eckert kristyneckert@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Secret Santa Workshop

Sunday, December 10th at 2:00PM

Children will have the opportunity to create and wrap homemade gifts for their loved ones for Christmas at multiple workshop stops downstairs, while parents enjoy the beautiful voices and sounds of the Cantata upstairs.

Order Poinsettia's for Christmas

Time to order Poinsettia's for the Christmas Season. Red or White plants available for \$8.00 per plant. Placed *in memory of, in honor of, or to the Glory of God*. Orders due by December 3rd. Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Call Margaret Pfisterer at 610-294-9412 if you have any questions.

Angel Tree

Once again, the Deacons will be assisting the Holiday Fund, sponsored by the Frenchtown Lions and American Legion, by helping to provide local families with a merry Christmas. Beginning late November, the Christmas tree in the rotunda will once again be covered with **White Angels**. Please stop by and take an angel or two off the tree. For the Holiday Fund gifts, the focus will be on "cold weather" wear (hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, etc.) and clothing items. PLEASE make sure to write your name, phone number and email address, if you have one, on the sign-up sheet next to your angel number. All gifts must be dropped off in the fellowship hall (look for the big blue tubs) by **December 10th**. **Gifts should be UNWRAPPED, with the angel tag attached**

Food Pantry Angels

The Deacons will also be helping our food pantry families have a merry Christmas by providing gifts for their children and grandchildren. Beginning on Sunday, November 26th, the Christmas tree in the rotunda will once again be covered with **Pastel Angels**. Please stop by and take an angel or two off the tree. PLEASE make sure to write your name, phone number and email address, if you have one, on the sign-up sheet next to your angel number. All gifts must be dropped off in the fellowship hall (look for the big blue tubs) by **December 10th**. **Gifts should be WRAPPED, with the angel tag attached.**

Deacon Sponsored Christmas trip

All are welcome to join us for a **Christmas in the Ballantine House** – on **Sunday December 17th**. Ticket provided by the Deacons. The bus will leave the church at 1pm.

Ballantine House, offers visitors a taste of how Christmas was celebrated in late Victorian Newark, as English, German and Dutch holiday traditions.

In addition, we will be touring the Newark Museum, which is on the same property. A signup sheet is posted on the "I Can Do That Board" Please indicate whether you will be taking the bus or driving. If you have any questions please contact Dave Griffith at 908-693-0405.