

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 24, 2019 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 (based on Psalm 113)

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

God is wonderful! Yesterday, today and forever!

The Lord our God has done marvelous things,

We are blessed more than we could ever imagine.

For all the amazing gifts we have been given,

We praise the name of the Lord! Amen!

We Give Thanks for God's Good Earth

*HYMN # 36 (vs.1)

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

"Hymn of Thanksgiving"

Gregory Petrov

ANTHEM

Lord of the Harvest

VIDEO

"Josiah Laurenstein, Wildlife Photographer"

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

COMMUNITY MOMENT

Natalie Herman

PRAYER

Daphne Rose Kingma

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

*HYMN # 36 (vs.2)

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:10-11

VIDEO

Story Corps – Bus Driver

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

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

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

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

May the giving from the fullness of our lives be acceptable in

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

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

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

"Address to the Lord"

John Berryman

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

VIDEO

"What to be Thankful For"

*HYMN #36 (vs.3)

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE



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

Food Pantry – Holiday Turkey

So that the patrons of the Food Pantry are able to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving, boxes with all the fixins for a Thanksgiving dinner are put together and handed out. If anyone would like to donate your free holiday turkey from Shop Rite, please put in church freezer and label it for the Food Pantry, or call Helen Lewis at 610-294-9623. The item needs to be at the church no later than today. Thank you.

Soles4Souls

Great Job everyone, we hit and passed our 5000 pair goal. We are now at 5020 pairs of shoes donated. Thank you!!

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. 25 – Dec.1

Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30

Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am

Senior Program, 11:30am

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

Friday

Alanon meeting 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

Next Sunday

1st Sunday of Advent

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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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

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

The next Concert will be the Annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday December 15th at 2pm.



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 TODAY starting at 4pm. All are welcome. Just come and share a meal and make new friends! Contact Robert Ross at rob@frenchtownpres.org for questions

Upcoming events Church Events

December 1, 2019 - Advent Crafts during Sunday School and following Church

December 22, 2019 - Gingerbread Making/Jesus's birthday celebration during Sunday School

December 22, 2019 - Christmas Caroling through town 5:00 - 7:00pm

Save the Date

Friday December 20th will be the 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. Contact Karina Fengler at kfengler379@gmail.com if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.