

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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Short-Term illness

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Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

November 25, 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

INTROIT

What Does the Lord Require of You?

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Revelation 1:4-8*)

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come

To God be glory and dominion forever and ever!

And from Jesus Christ, God's faithful witness

To Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever!

I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God

To God be glory and dominion forever and ever!

* HYMN #363

Rejoice, the Lord is King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Glorious God of power and majesty, you bow down to hear our every sigh; deliver us from arrogance and empty vanities. Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves by lowering the position of others. Cast down our pride that we may grow in humility.

Take away the barriers of self-defense; grant us the firm security that comes from trust in you and is built with neighborly cooperation and mutual respect.

Lead us in the lowly steps of Jesus until we attain the end of a pure joy and eternal victory, through Christ, our servant and sovereign. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*from Revelation 1:5,6*)

The good news is this: our sins are forgiven through “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins be glory and dominion forever and ever.”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM

Siyahamba (We are Marching)

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

PRAYER OF SUPPORT FOR OUR CHILDREN (*unison*)

As a congregation, we have the privilege and responsibility to share our faith stories and support these children as they learn and grow. We pray for God's guidance and grace in this endeavor.

Loving God, we give thanks for the Bible, your gift to be used for our learning. Help us to hear those words, understand them, and be changed by them so that in your time we may become wiser, more loving, and more active followers of the way of Jesus. Amen.

(Children may leave for Kids’ program)

God Speaks to Us Through God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

We've come to hear your word for us today in the Holy Scriptures. Speak to our hearts, Lord, that our minds may be opened to new insights of your love and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE Revelation 1:4b-8

ANTHEM

We Are the Church

GOSPEL John 18:33-38

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

*HYMN #108 *Of the Father’s Love Begotten (verses 1,5,6)*

SPEAKING OUR FAITH (*Philippians 2:5-11*) (*unison*)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him that name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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*)

Eternal God, with cheerful voices and thankful hearts, we offer to you these gifts and our lives.

May Christ the King rule in our hearts so that we are powerful witnesses to the truth of your kingdom of love, justice and peace. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God’s Love

* HYMN # 749

Come! Live in the Light!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

RESPONSE

Gospel Amen

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!!! 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 of 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. This year, for the Holiday Fund, the gift requests will focus on teenage boys and girls.

The Christmas tree in the Rotunda now has tags that will have information about the child and a wish list, as well as wrapping instructions and other information. When choosing a tag, don't forget to enter your name, telephone number and email address for the tag number you are taking - there are sheets for the Food Pantry and Holiday Fund tags - **Food Pantry tags have red gift tags attached; Holiday Fund tags have silver tags attached.** The gifts must be at the church by **Sunday, December 9th, with the gift tags attached** to the gift. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Kacerek Cooley at 973.271.7094 or by email 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

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

Presbyterian Women Christmas Party

Come and Join Us The Presbyterian Women would like to invite ALL the women of the church to join us at our Annual Christmas Party. Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP Gayla Gerhardt 908-310-0702 or Marie Johnson at 908-996-3561.

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.

Soles4Souls

Total Shoe count in box in Fellowship Hall is now at **3741**. Let try for 5000 by Christmas! Thank you!

Thank You!

The Presbyterian Women would like to thank all those who made things, baked and purchased things from our annual Christmas Sale. We would also like to thank Paul Pfisterer for cleaning the snow from the driveway entrance so our customers could get into the parking lot. All proceeds will be put towards the work and mission of our church.

~ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

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 tomorrow, November 26th.

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!

Say Humbug to Hunger

River Union Stage presents the 10th Annual "Say Humbug to Hunger" holiday reading of Charles Dickens' "*A Christmas Carol*", Saturday December 8th, 7:30pm at the Presbyterian Church of Milford.

Admission is donation of food, cash or check for area Food Pantries