

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 26, 2017

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading

Daniel 7:13-14 Ephesians 1:11-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Eyes of Our Heart

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

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*Hymn #263 vs 1,3,4 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we confess we do not want a Savior who has any claims on us. We would prefer Jesus to be subject to us rather than to see Him as our King. We have our own agendas and we seek a rubber-stamp approval. We do not understand why we need a Savior or why we should offer Him our allegiance and obedience. Forgive our foolishness, oh God. And help us to forgive ourselves for our arrogance and selfishness. We know that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from You. We need you to encourage us to be less forgetful and stubborn. Thank You for not giving up on us, but for always being there for us. We ask for forgiveness, not because of anything we have or have not done, but only for the sake of Christ the King. In His name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Daniel 7:13-14

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

Choral Anthem

“Thank You God”

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

Sermon

“The Eyes of Our Heart”

God Calls Us to Respond

*Hymn #268 vs.1,3,4 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology* “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #41 vs 1,2,5 “O Worship the King All Glorious Above”

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction “God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again”

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.

Advent Study with Pastor Courtney

Pastor Courtney will be leading a four-week Advent Study Series beginning Thursday, November 30. The group will be studying, "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph" by Adam Hamilton. The study meets Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at The Manse. Let us join together to study the Christmas Story through the eyes of Joseph. May we be able to glorify God's will, even when our situation makes it difficult to do so.

Hard Cover Books - \$11.49, Large Print - \$14.99

Book Scholarships are available

RSVP to pastorcourtney@frenchtownpres.org or call the church office, [908-996-2227](tel:908-996-2227)

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. 26th-Dec.2

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor
Book Club, 7-9pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am
Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30-1pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm
Bible Study, 9am

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p-9pm
Advent Study at the Manse, 7-9pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am
AA Meeting 7pm
PW Christmas Party, 1pm

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Jen Griffith** at **908-625-2943** if you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs other assistance from the Deacons.

Presbyterian Women Christmas Party

The Presbyterian Women would like to invite ALL the women of the church to join us at our Annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 2, 2017 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.

Stewardship Sunday

On Sunday, November 5, we held our Stewardship Sunday and asked for individuals to pledge for the 2018 year. Our church seeks to care for one another and to reach others beyond our church building. We raise our children in the faith to be strong in life and in future choices. We offer comfort to those who grieve and we witness to those who are lost. Our worship seeks to give honor and praise to God above. Please invest in the ministry of Frenchtown Presbyterian. We thank all of you who have pledged already and for those who took a risk in increasing their pledge. We encourage you, if you haven't done so already, to turn in your pledge to our Stewardship/Finance team. If you do not have a pledge form and need one, email office@frenchtownpresbyterian.org and we will make sure you receive one.

Advent Wreath Workshop

Families and Individuals are welcome to join us for our annual *Advent Wreath Workshop* on Sunday December 3rd after the 10AM worship. The church will provide a reusable wreath base and the supplies to roll your own beeswax candles. We will also share a Family Devotional to study 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.

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.