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

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Short-Term illness

Jen & Dave Griffith 908-693-0405
Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021

Hospitality

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Youth Connection

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 5, 2017

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #697

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Passing of the Peace

Moment for Stewardship

Dedication of Pledges for 2018 in Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-27

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Abundance in Obedience"

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Charge and Blessing

10:00 A.M. Worship

Congregational Meeting

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....and also with you!

Choral Introit

"Jesu, Tawa Pano"

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Leader: Surely, God is in this place.

People: Surely God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Surely, the Lord is in this place

People: Surely God rejoices in receiving our songs and praise.

All: Surely, God is in this place! Let us worship God!

*Hymn #697 vs. 1,4

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear God, You have given us a world of beauty and yet we often let it spoil. You have given us a world to feed us, and yet we allow so many to go hungry. You have given us a world of riches, and yet we are unwilling to share. You have entrusted us with a world to care for, yet too often we end up only caring for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, for those times your heart is saddened by our selfishness. Have mercy on us for the times we forgot the needs of others and only cared about ourselves. Empower us to see this world anew and to see it as a gift from you. Help us to see that the gifts you have given us are meant to be shared and nurtured. All who live in this world need to be loved and to be taken care of. We ask that your name be glorified both through the beauty of this world and in the service of our lives. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message & Sacrament of Baptism - *Brynlee Olivia Arroyo*

Passing the Peace Hymn #591

"Halle, Halle!"

The peace of Christ be with you!

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

Moment for Stewardship

Dedication of Pledges for 2018 in Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Stewardship Litany

Leader: When we bring our offerings to you, we acknowledge that all that we have comes from you. As we give, we return to you what we have received. We give to pay it forward and we rejoice in your generosity.

People: **We seek to give sacrificially and to share with you all that we have to give. On this Dedication Sunday, we give our very selves. We reveal to you our hopes and fears and we offer you the hours of our days. We give our financial resources to you and we share our God-given talents to build-up your church.**

Leader: We ask for your blessing on this church. Help us to follow you with our hearts, our minds, and our souls. We seek to commit to serving those in need and to build up community among ourselves.

All: **Bless these gifts we bring. We offer them as an investment in the future of the church. Please multiply these gifts into faith, hope, and love to transform the world. Amen.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Matthew 7:24-27 & 2 Corinthians 9:8 (read in unison)

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

Sermon

"Abundance in Obedience"

God Calls Us to Respond

*Hymn #708 vs 1 & 2

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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

The Lord's Supper

Communion Prayer

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn# 700 vs 1 (repeat 2x) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

"Let Us Praise God Together"

Postlude

**please stand if able*

*Child Care available during the 10:00 am service for infants and young children. The nursery is located in room #5 down the back stairs and to the right.

Today we have the joyous occasion of an infant baptism in our worship service. Our session has approved today's baptism of Brynlee Olivia Arroyo. Brynlee was born on September 7, 2016 to Brittany and Ernesto Arroyo. Please pray for Brynlee on this special day and for her parents in offering her to God for Christ's Baptism Blessing. We welcome Brynlee today as our newest baptized member! Praise be to God!

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

Thanksgiving Community Dinner

The Youth group will be sponsoring a Community Dinner on November 19th at 4pm. Volunteers, Cooks & Dish Donations Needed! Contact Robert Ross - rob@frenchtownpres.org
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
When? Every Tuesday from 11:30 to 1:30

Guest Speaker Schedule:

Nov. 7 - A Century of Hair through History! With Michelle Gill

Nov. 14 - Estate Planning with Lacy Phelps



Presbyterian Women Christmas Bazaar

The Presbyterian Women are asking for your help. On November 18th and 19st we will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar. If you are crafty and would like to donate homemade items we would greatly appreciate them. This year we will be selling homemade items, donated baked goods and homemade soup. Please Note the following changes, **we will NOT be collecting any white elephant items.** If you have any questions please contact Gayla Gerhardt at 908-310-0702.

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. 5th-Nov.11

Today

Congregational meeting
Stewardship Sunday and Reception

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor
Deacon Meeting, 7pm

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

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 908-693-0405 if you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs other assistance from the Deacons.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary before the 10am service today. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a deacon candidate from the nominating committee.

Stewardship Sunday

During worship services TODAY, we will have an opportunity to submit our pledge cards for our annual stewardship campaign. Our campaign has encouraged each of us to step-up in our giving. When we bring forward our offerings, not only do we share sacrificial financial pledges and tithes, but we also promise to share our time, our talents, and our very selves to God. God is the provider of all that we have and it is an honor to invest in the ministries and the future of our church. There will be a Stewardship Sunday Celebration of Our Church following the 10 AM worship at 11:15 AM. There will be cake and a slideshow of pictures to appreciate all that was accomplished in the name of Christ in 2017.

~ God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things may have an abundance for every good work.

-2 Corinthians 9:8

Sermon Series

Foundations of Faith Sermon Series continues into November:

November 12 - Foundations of Faith: Fishing for Men

November 19 - Foundations of Faith: Gifts, Miracles, & Gratitude

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!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Thank you to all who contributed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Recovery and other Natural Disasters around our nation. Our Denomination seeks to be faithful in offering support in seasons of distress. Each of us can pray and each can offer financial support. Others can volunteer to assist in the rebuilding of homes and businesses, and lives. As those who were affected face grief and transition, our prayers, our time and talents can help others to be resilient and overcome the tragedies they have faced. For more information on Presbyterian Disaster

Open House at the Manse

There will be an "Open House @ Pastor Courtney's House" on Saturday, November 11th, from 4 - 9 PM. Everyone is invited to come and go as they please to visit with members and friends of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church and enjoy some appetizers, snacks, s'mores/desserts, and a hot meal. Come and have a time of fellowship and fun. All ages are invited!