

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

On the first Sunday of October Christians all around the world from all kinds of denominations partake in the sacrament and remember other Christians around the world. The practice began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA in 1933.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
*Hymn #610 vs 1,3 "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Passing of the Peace
Moment for Stewardship
A Poem for World Communion Sunday
Scripture Reading John 3:1-17, & Matthew 7:24-27
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!
Sermon "Jesus Loves the Children of the World"
Offering
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
The Lord's Supper
Charge and Blessing

10:00 A.M. Worship

Prelude
Choral Introit "I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say"
Welcome & Announcements
The Lord be with you.....
and also with you!

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God, all creation speaks volumes of God's handiwork.

People: Each sunrise proclaims God's faithfulness and the night reveals the Creator's awe.

One: Without a word being spoken, all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

People: So, too, may we join in witness with all creation. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be God's signature in the world.

All: Let us Worship God!

*Hymn #610 vs 1,3 "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Unison Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from a prayer of C. Welton Gaddy)

God, please forgive our incompleteness, our not growing in Christ, our not expanding of our knowledge of the Scriptures, and our not seeking to develop all of our talents. God, forgive our disinterest, our lack of concern for needs around us, our apathy regarding the lost, and our blindness to hurts we could have helped heal. God, forgive our dishonesty and our taking the easy way out rather than the right way. Forgive us for speaking in one manner while living in another, for silencing truth to preserve tranquility, for settling for less than what is best, and for loving tradition more than obeying your pioneering Spirit.

God, forgive our loudness, our talking when we should be listening, our proclaiming when we should be studying, and for busying ourselves with new tasks when we should be finding a quiet place to rest. God, forgive our silence, our feeling love and failing to whisper it, our reeling with joy and not shouting hallelujah, our knowing truth and forfeiting an opportunity to share it, and our sensing a need to share our faith and squelching the impulse. God, please forgive me and please forgive us. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Moment for Stewardship

Children's Message

Children's Song

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

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

John 3:1-17 & Matthew 7:24-27

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Choral Anthem

"Let The Whole Creation Cry"

Sermon

"Jesus Loves the Children of the World"

*Hymn #595

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Santo, Santo Santo"

God Calls Us to Respond

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution/Breaking & Pouring

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

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.

New Member Class

A new member class will be held on **Sunday, October 22 from 11:15am – 4pm**. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and/or Frenchtown Presbyterian in particular. Attending the class does not mean you must join the church. You are welcome to make that decision after you come to the meeting. Those who make the choice to join will meet with the Session and then be received into membership during an upcoming worship service. If you are interested and available to attend, let Pastor Courtney know. You can reach her by email at pastorcourtney@frenchtownpres.org or you may call the church office. You can sign up for the class or you can just come to the parlor after worship on Sunday, October 22. For those who are not quite ready, another class will be given during the spring.

Fall Session/Deacon Retreat

On Sunday, October 29 – 6-9 PM Our Deacons and Elders will be gathering for a Fall Retreat. Please pray for our leadership as we discern how God is directing us to “be” the church in the coming days and years. God is calling us to continue to be a blessing to Frenchtown and beyond. We pray for our leaders to be faithful and to seek God’s wisdom in leadership.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 29 times TBD

"FALL FAMILY FUN DAY"

Join us for a fun family day. Scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating/carving, crafts, etc. More details to come!!!

Trick or Treat Pit-stop

It's that spooooky, fun time of year approaching soon! Once again we will be sponsoring the "Parent's Pit-stop" on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31st! If you can donate a bag or two of Halloween candy, please bring it to the church office for safe keeping. If you can help that night with set up, handing out goodies, or clean up, please contact Barbara Huey at [\(908\) 268-6063](tel:9082686063) or at barbarahuey1@gmail.com. Thank you. Looking forward to seeing everyone Halloween night!

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 - October 1-7

Today

Youth Group Hike

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 Practice, 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 **Deborah Hill 908-507-8893** 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 request please contact Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884 or email him at kennyg12@ptd.net

Sermon Series

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH SERMON SERIES CONTINUES
OCTOBER 1 - "World Communion Sunday", Foundations of Faith:
Jesus Loves the Children of the World

Today, congregations around the globe will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Most of us have heard about World Communion Sunday but may not know much about where the celebration originated. According to the website of the National Council of Churches, World Communion Sunday began in 1936 at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity. The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion, or unity. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal—when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance—and of Jesus' sacrifice. So accounts of the last supper feature prominently, by virtue of World Communion Sunday being a celebration of the Eucharist. But there is a flavor of the Christian celebration of Pentecost as well, when people from around the Mediterranean world came together in mutual understanding and inspiration, by the power of the Holy Spirit. World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. At its best, therefore, World Communion Sunday serves two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a mind-opening exposure to different Christian traditions from around the world. **Upcoming sermons:**

October 8 Foundations of Faith: The Good Shepherd. John 10:14-15, 22-30 will be our focus. **Come and bring your sheep!** We welcome you to bring your stuffed-animal sheep, sheep figurines, sheep pictures, etc. Help us to remember that Jesus is Our Shepherd and we are his sheep and his flock.

Filled with the Spirit - October 15th

Praying Without Ceasing - October 22nd

In Celebration of the Church - October 29th – Reformation Sunday

Nominating Committee

Nominations are being accepted for the position of clerk of session and deacon. We are grateful to the Nominating Committee for their faithful work in bringing forth leaders who have been called by God to serve in our deacon and elder positions. Have you been called to serve God in a leadership role? Are you concerned about Frenchtown Presbyterian and its ministries? Do you want to help those in need? Or do you know someone who would be a good leader? You can nominate someone as well. If you are willing or know someone who is willing, let our church office know, or Pastor Courtney.

Community Service and Outreach Program

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

When? Every Tuesday from 11:30 to 1:30

Guest Speaker Schedule:

Oct 24th - Lacy Phelps, Outsmart the scammers!

Nov. 7, A century of Hair through history!,

Nov. 14 Estate planning/living wills

Dec 5, celebrate being a mature woman with quotes on aging by famous women!



Save the Date - Rev. Courtney's Installation Service

All are invited to attend a reception following the Installation Service on Sunday, October 15th. Please come and join us for a time of food and celebration of this new journey for our church. Many guests from the New Brunswick Presbytery and our surrounding communities will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity to share with all the fabulous ministries and offerings we have here at Frenchtown Presbyterian with others. **Please join in the Installation at 4 PM and the reception that follows.**

Bible Study

Each Wednesday at 9 am we will gather downstairs and look at one or more of the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. Please read John 10:14-15, 22-30 for this Wednesday, October 3rd..