

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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2019 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Gather Us In

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Living God.

We give thanks that once more God has brought us together that we might refresh one another.

Peace to all who enter here,

peace this day and every day, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN #624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*(vs 2,4,5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Creator, you have made us to live in freedom and joy before you in the oneness of love with others. We praise you for the goodness in the world and within us; we seek your help in fulfilling your intentions for us.

Sometimes we give our loyalty to other gods. Sometimes we fall into despair or self-pity. Sometimes we separate ourselves from others by our self-centeredness.

Fill us with new life, O God, with new joy and new hope, that we may help make the world more nearly what you want it to be, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children may leave for Kid's Communities)

*PASSING THE PEACE

Those who place their faith in the Lord are blessed. Let us share this blessing with those around us as we pass the peace of Christ.

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!

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-23

ANTHEM

Come to Me

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:12-15

MESSAGE

God Calls Us to Respond

* HYMN #316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Loving God, receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ's gift for us. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may be Christ for others. In his name we pray. Amen.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love

* HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House (vss. 1,2,5)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Farewell, Good Friends! (Shalom)

POSTLUDE

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

NEW MEMBERS INQUIRERS GATHERINGS! Are you or someone you know new to the area and looking for a Church home? Have you been a visitor to our Church and been wondering what it takes to join? If so, then please consider attending the upcoming Inquirers Gatherings. This is an informal time of sharing so that interested persons can learn more about the ministry, and programs of our congregation, get an overview of the Presbyterian tradition and theology and have an opportunity to ask questions of our Church leadership. This is not a commitment to join, but rather a time for getting to know each other to see if we are a right fit for you and your family. There will be 2 sessions on October 20th and the 27th. Each session is one hour and 15 minutes and starts after worship at 11:15am in the parlor off of Fellowship Hall. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting the Church Office at 908- 996-2227 or office@frenchtownpres.org.



Concert

Next Sunday October 20th at 2pm will be the next concert in the FPC Concert Series featuring Josh Wilson in a Solo Piano Recital.

Christmas Cantata

We need your voice for the FPC Christmas Cantata! We will meet after the service from 11:30 to 1. All ages and skill levels are welcome! Come sing some fun music with great people!
Save the Date...the Cantata will be held on December 15th at 2pm.

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 14-20

Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30

Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am

Senior Program, 11:30am

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm

Session Meeting, 7pm

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

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday

Alanon meeting 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

Next Sunday

Concert, 2pm

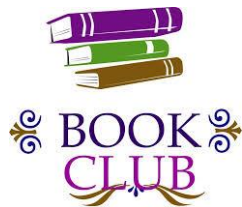
Cantata Practice, 11:30am

Food Pantry Sunday

The 3rd Sunday of the month has been designated as Food Pantry Sunday -and we are asking for the help from the congregation. Please consider donating something to the food pantry. Items requested are low sodium canned vegetable, other than green beans, Apples, winter vegetables like squash, & potatoes. If you would rather give a monetary donation, there are colored envelopes in the pews that are designated for the food pantry.

Celebration of Life - Save the Date

Margaret "Omi" Frerichs Celebration of Life service will take place Saturday, October 26th at 11am here at the church. No flowers please- contributions in honor of her life should be made to the church.



Book Club

The book club will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm in the Youth Room downstairs. The book they will be discussing is "After You" by Jojo Moyes. Contact Kristyn Eckert at 973-534-9155. All are welcome!



PW Holiday Bazaar

Save the Date, the annual Presbyterian Women Holiday Bazaar will be held November 22,23 and 24th. Donations of handmade crafts and baked goods are needed. Contact Gayla at 908-310-0702 if you have any questions or would like to help at the Bazaar.



Halloween Parent Pit Stop

Please help support our annual Halloween Parents Pit-Stop again this year on Thursday, October 31st! We need some folks to help out distributing the goodies! We also need donations of candy - please leave them in bags in the church kitchen, labeled for the Pit Stop. Contact Barbara Huey if you have any questions at 908-268-3063.



Breakfast

Next Sunday is the Monthly Breakfast starting at 8:30am. Come enjoy breakfast and some good times with new and old friends.