

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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

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Board of Deacons

Benevolence

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

Short-Term illness

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

Hospitality

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Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021
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Madelyn Freeman

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 15, 2017

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #286

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:6-12, Matthew 7:24-27, & Ephesians 5:15-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Foundations of Faith: "Filled with the Spirit"

Moment for Stewardship

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!**

Praise Band

"Come Now is the Time to Worship"

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as God's people:

People: To seek direction in the living of our lives.

Leader: We gather as God's people:

People: To be still and hear what God would have us do.

Leader: We rejoice that we are God's people:

People: To serve, to love and to sing God's praise.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #385 vs.1,3,4 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that, in a culture that places so much emphasis on external beauty, and outward signs of success, we struggle to live from the inside out. We feel the pressure to look and act like something we are not, and all too often we succumb. We don masks, pretend that things are fine when they are not, and keep our vulnerabilities hidden safely away. We feel isolated. We fear that if the truth about us were known, we would be rejected. God, remind us again of the healing power of Your love. Call us into Your light of truth and grace. Take our guilt and fear and in their place renew us with Your forgiveness and acceptance. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. For the sake of Christ, we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

Moment for Stewardship

Children's Message

(Kid's may 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

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 51:6-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Praise Band

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

New Testament Reading Matthew 7:24-27, Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon Foundations of Faith: "Filled with the Spirit"

*Hymn #291 vs. 1,2,4

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

God Calls Us to Respond

Affirmation of Faith - Psalm 23 (KJV)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness along all peoples to Christ our Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Praise Band

"I Am"

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Charge and Blessing

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.

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

New Member Class

A new member class will be held next **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. For those who are not quite ready, another class will be given during the spring.

Book Club

Book Club will meet Monday October 23rd at 7pm downstairs. The book they are reading and will be discussing is "The Girl Who Came Home" by Hazel Gaynor.

Soles for Soles

Updated count for donations of shoes is now 2599! Keep the donations coming. If you are interested in a box to collect donations please call Paul Pfisterer at 610-294-9412.

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! from 6-8pm. 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 15-21

Today

Pastor Courtney's Installation and Reception, 4pm

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30-1pm

Session Meeting, 7pm

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

Open House at the Manse, 4-9pm

Next Sunday

New Member Class, 11:15-4pm

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.

TODAY - Rev. Courtney's Installation Service

All are invited to attend the Installation and reception today at 4pm. 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.

Sermon Series

Foundations of Faith:

Praying Without Ceasing - October 22nd

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

Foundations of Faith Sermon Series continues into November:

November 5 - Foundations of Faith: Abundance in Obedience - Stewardship Sunday

November 12 - Foundations of Faith: Fishing for Men

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

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.

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.

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. 17th - Fall Crafts to Keep our Mind Sharp with Penni Trionfo

Oct. 24th - Outsmart the Scammers with Lacy Phelps.

Oct. 31 - Eating Hygiene for Ultimate Digestion with Jurgita Caballero

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

HELP IS NEEDED TO BUILD AN AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM

We are still looking for people willing and interested to help with audio/visual needs in worship. We need several individuals to offer to help at either service so that we will have a team who work together to cover the audio/visual needs. The job would be to help on Sundays during either service to make sure all goes well with the display of information on the screen and to monitor and/or make adjustments to the sound board. This is a unique opportunity for you to work behind the scenes and provide a meaningful worship experience for our congregation. See Rob Ross, Pastor Courtney, or a member of the Worship Committee for more information. Or you can call our church office at 908-996-2227.

Gathering at the Manse

There will be an "Open House @ Pastor Courtney's House" on Saturday, October 21st, 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 enjoy a time of fellowship and fun. There will also be yard games in the back. All ages are invited!