

# Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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## Worship Services

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

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#### Community Life

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#### Mission and Outreach

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#### Stewardship

Kevin Smith 610-982-0138  
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#### Worship

Diane Reed 610-294-6673  
Gayla Gerhardt 908-310-0702

#### Clerk of Session

### Board of Deacons

#### Benevolence

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

#### Short-Term illness

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

#### Hospitality

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770  
Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

#### Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

Deborah Hill 908-507-8803  
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#### Bereavement

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038  
Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021  
Jennifer Cwynar 908-334-1826

#### Youth Connection

Madelyn Freeman

#### Events

Dave & Jen Griffith 908-693-0405

### Church Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Courtney Cromie 561-703-2263  
Pastorcourtney@frenchtownpres.org

#### Church Secretary

Lea Raymond 908-996-2227

#### Treasurer

Sue Fitchett 908-996-2227

#### Organist

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#### Choir Director

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## FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 22, 2017

*Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!*

### 8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #465

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Passing of the Peace

Moment for Stewardship

Scripture Reading

Samuel 3:1-10, Matthew 7:24-27, Luke 22:39-42

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Foundations of Faith: "Praying Without Ceasing"

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

"I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say"

### God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength

**People: an ever present help in trouble.**

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear.

**People: Be still and know that God is God.**

Leader We come to meet God in this very room.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #465

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of Presence and Prophecy, you call us and we fail to hear. You speak to us and we do not listen. We misunderstand your Word. We wonder why you don't show us your truth. We claim to seek and yet we do not find. Help us, God. Help us to hear you. Help us to understand. Help us to respond. Help us to dwell in your presence. Help us to be with you as you are always with us. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

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

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 & Matthew 7:24-27

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Choral Anthem

"Sing We Alleluia"

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:39-42

Sermon Foundations of Faith: "Praying Without Ceasing"

\*Hymn (see insert)

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

## God Calls Us to Respond

### Affirmation of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9)

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is our God and Father because of Christ his Son. We trust him so much that we do not doubt he will provide whatever we need for body and soul, and he will turn to our good whatever adversity he sends us in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father. Nothing will separate us from his love.

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 #472

"Kum ba Yah"

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.

## 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](mailto:kennyg12@ptd.net)

### Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary after the 10am service on November 5th. Purpose of the meeting is the voting in of a Deacon.

Thank you to Kathy Skerbetz for her ten years of faithful service of Clerk of Session and welcome to Yoama Pons our new Clerk of Session who was voted in at the October Session Meeting.

### New Member Class

A new member class will be held **today** 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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 22-28**

#### Today

New member class, 11:15am

#### Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor

Book Club, 7pm

#### Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30-1pm

PW Meeting, 7pm

#### 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

Open House at the Manse, 4-9pm

#### Next Sunday

Deacon Retreat, 6pm

**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.

### Directory Pictures

Next week Keith Muccilli will be taking pictures in the Fellowship Hall between services for the Church Directory. If you are unable to make it he will be doing additional days in the next month or two. If you would prefer to send in your own picture please email to the church office at [office@frenchtownpres.org](mailto:office@frenchtownpres.org) with the names included. Thank you!

### Sermon Series

#### **Foundations of Faith:**

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

### Book Club

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



### ALL FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, October 29th, 11-1:30pm

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

### Soles for Soles

Updated count for donations of shoes is now 2601. If anyone is interested in a box to collect donations please call Paul Pfisterer at 610-294-9412.

### 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 - 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

Nov. 14 - Estate Planning with Lacy Phelps



### Presbyterian Women Christmas Bazaar

The Presbyterian Women are asking for your help.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>st</sup> 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.

### PW Meeting

This Tuesday, October 24th at 7pm Presbyterian Woman will be meeting in the Memorial Parlor. All ladies of the church are invited to come. Contact Gayla if you have any questions 908-310-0702.

### 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.