

## Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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### Worship Services

8:00 A.M. with Communion & 10:00 A.M. with Kid's Communities

#### Session (Elders)

##### Buildings and Grounds

John Fiebig 908-996-6436

Paul Pfisterer (chair) 610-294-9412

##### Christian Education

Tonya Reese (chair) 908-310-9240

##### Worship & Music

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##### Clerk of Session

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#### Board of Deacons

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#### Church Staff

##### Transitional Pastor

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##### Church Secretary

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## Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 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

*What does the Lord Require of you?*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

**We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.**

We are here because we want to be God's people.

**We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.**

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the Living God.

**Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ.**

\*HYMN #267

*Come Christians, Join to Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Christ, if we carry the name Christian, we are signs of your presence. Yet we confess that we sometimes hurt people through our pride, our fear, our doubt, rather than showing the way to the healing waters of your Spirit.**

**When we are discouraged, afraid, or anxious, ourselves, we are unable to be signs of hope or joy or good news.**

**Forgive us, and give us grace to be earthly reminders of your love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*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!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children may leave for Kid's Communities)

**God Speaks to Us Through God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Prepare us, O God, to hear your word through the scriptures of this day. Confront us with your claims on our lives. Clarify the choices we must make if our lives are to have meaning and purpose. Help us to respond to the One who came as the bread of life, that we might know life to its fullest. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-2

ANTHEM

*As Those of Old*

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

MESSAGE

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\* HYMN #729 (vss.1,2,4)

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

SERVANT SHARING Elder Bill Penyak

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you've given so many gifts to us. You've held nothing back of yourself, but rather come among us in Christ Jesus to save us and make us new.**

**We offer to you now our lives and with them the work of our hands as represented by that which is contained in these plates. Bless us and all we offer both now and forevermore. Amen.**

**God Sends Us Out to Reflect God's Love**

\* HYMN #700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*We Are an Offering*

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](mailto:kennyg12@ptd.net)

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

### Part-time help needed

Disabled Frenchtown resident looking for someone to work a few hours a week doing a few household chores, including grocery shopping. Must have driver's license and car.  
To learn more, call Leanna at 908-996-1244.

The Personnel Committee will soon be conducting annual staff reviews for the Secretary, Financial Secretary, Youth Minister, Music Director Custodian and Treasurer. In accomplishing this task, we are requesting input from you, the members of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church. Please email us by November 3, 2019, with anything you wish to share about the staff of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church. Your comments will be kept confidential; however, we ask you please include your full name and contact information. We are using this email address to receive comments: [FTAC@ewingpres.org](mailto:FTAC@ewingpres.org) or you could give comments in a sealed envelope to Bill Penyak.  
From the Personnel Committee: Leslie Callanan, Bill Penyak, Tonya Reese (alternate) and the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

## 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 – Oct.28-Nov.3

#### Monday

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30

#### Tuesday

AA meeting, 6:30am

Senior Program, 11:30am

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm

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

All Saints Day – One Service at 10am

Next Sunday is All Saints Day. We will be having One Worship Service at 10am. It is also Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour on Saturday night.



Do you come to the 10am Service? Are you missing the slides at the service? If so, we are still looking for a few people to run slides at the 10am service. Contact Pastor Nancy or the church office at 908-996-2227 if you are interested or if you have any questions.

### Elders and Deacons needed

The nominating committee needs your help and is seeking members who would consider a leap of faith by serving as a deacon or elder in our church family. If you would like more information please talk to Nancy, any current deacon or elder or call Bill Penyak chairman of the nominating committee at 908-625-6575.

### PW Holiday Bazaar & Soup Sale

Save the Date, the annual Presbyterian Women Holiday Bazaar will be held November 22,23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Donations of handmade crafts and baked goods are needed. There will be soup sold by the quart. Flyers and soup sale order forms will be available in Fellowship Hall and in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Gayla at 908-310-0702 if you have any questions or would like to help at the Bazaar or Kathy Kovacs at 908-996-2840 for soup sale questions.



### 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.

### Soles4Souls

Total pairs of shoes donated to Soles4Souls is now at 4921. Let's try and see if we can get 5000 by Thanksgiving.



### Book Club

The book club will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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 if you have any question. All are welcome!