

## 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

October 6, 2019 10 a.m. Worship

### World Communion Sunday

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Yezu Azali Na Bomoi!! Jesus has life!!

**Hallelujah!! Jesus has life!!**

Hallelujah!!

[Zaire]

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

**O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us.**

**For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise.**

**In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new.**

**Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation.**

**We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

[USA]

\* HYMN #394 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* (vss. 1,2,4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shining, surprising, grace-full God, for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us and running away from your love:

**Forgive us;**

For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability:

**Forgive us;**

For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and conformity:

**Forgive us;**

For fearing those different from ourselves, and projecting onto them what we cannot accept in our own depths:

**Forgive us;**

For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in spirit, in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing, in Good Friday as in Easter Day:

**Forgive us;**

Set us free, we pray, to be whole human beings and to live our lives graciously and without fear. *[England]*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God forgives us. God makes peace within us.

**We claim this healing in faith and hope.** *[England]*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**  
*All exchange signs and words of God's peace.*

HYMN #591 *Halle, Halle!*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**May the God of grace bless this word, that the word of Christ may dwell in us richly, and that we may bear fruit to God's glory.** *[Romania]*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Psalm 133

ANTHEM *At Your Table, Lord*

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:14-30

MESSAGE

**God Calls Us to Respond**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Almighty God, your creation is big, with some people going without anything sufficient for them every day. We give this little in remembrance of them. Multiply it, and give us light and strength to give more in the future. Also work with this little for your service in the world. Through Jesus our Lord let it benefit your people in all nations. Amen.** *[Zimbabwe]*

PRAISE BAND

*Come to the Table*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, food of the poor; Christ our bread. We have had a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us.

**A loaf that makes us human joined hand in hand, working and sharing. a sacrament of your body, a warm loaf that makes us a family; your wounded people. Amen.** *[Peru]*

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

\* HYMN #539

*We Will Go Out with Joy[Canada]*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Santo, Santo Santo*

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 20<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:office@frenchtownpres.org).

### **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.

## **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 7-13**

#### **Monday**

Low Impact Aerobics, 11:15-12:30  
Deacon Meeting, 7pm

#### **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

### World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. “The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

### Flowers in Sanctuary

Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are donated in honor of Paul and Margaret Pfisterer's 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

### Concert

Save the date! October 20<sup>th</sup> will be the next concert in the FPC Concert Series featuring Josh Wilson in a Solo Piano Recital at 2pm.

### World Communion Hike

World Communion Sunday Hike - TODAY. Come join us for a group hike in God amazing wilderness! Meet at the church at 12:30pm. Contact Youth Pastor Robert Ross if you have any questions 609-571-8012. All are welcome!

### 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!