

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

908-996-2227

Email: office@frenchtownpres.org

Website: www.frenchtownpres.org

Worship Services

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

Session (Elders)

Building and Grounds

John Fiebig 908-996-6436

Paul Pfisterer (chair) 610-294-9412

Christian Education

Tonya Reese (chair) 908-310-9240

Lynn Freeman 267-784-2152

Worship & Music

Landon McDonald(chair) 872-1646

Gayla Gerhardt 908-310-0702

Mission and Outreach

Maureen Breiner(chair) 908-995-4173

Bill Penyak 908-625-6575

Barbara Huey 908-268-3063

Stewardship

Leslie Callanan 908-310-9412

Pete Gordon (chair) 908-229-6835

Diane Reed 610-294-6673

Clerk of Session

Ron Hartpence 908-246-7189

Board of Deacons

Benevolence

Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884

Short-Term illness

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Jen Griffith 908-625-2943

Hospitality

Joyce Hartpence 908-246-0058

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

Deborah Hill 908-507-8803

Deborah Fiebig 908-996-6436

Bereavement

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

Youth Connection

Maddie Hendrix

Events

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Corporation President – Peter Gordon 908-229-6835

Corporation Vice-President – Tonya Reese 908-310-9240

Church Staff

Pastor on Call

Nancy Asbury 908-996-2227

Pastor@frenchtownpres.org

Church Secretary

Lea Raymond 908-996-2227

office@frenchtownpres.org office@frenchtownpres.org

Treasurer

Sue Fitchett 908-996-2227

Food Pantry

Helen Lewis 610-294-9623

Youth Pastor

Robert Ross 609-571-8012

rob@frenchtownpres.org

Financial Secretary

Christine Aherne 908-996-2227

Choir Director/Organist

Joshua Wilson 610-393-8670

pianomanjosh117@gmail.com



FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 7, 2018 - World Communion Sunday

Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.

*The * indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you. However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so. All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

God Gathers Us in Love

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit (*10am only*)

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Call to Worship -

(*Bali*)

Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst.

Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning and the future will be bright with hope.

Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the one who is our wisdom and our strength.

We place ourselves before our God that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's Spirit.

*Hymn #637

"O Sing to the Lord" (*Brazil*)

Prayer of Confession

(*Scotland*)

Lord, God, forgive us, for we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy upon us.

We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the judge. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy upon us.

We have acted according to our opinions rather than according to your commands. Within your Church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world, we have not been your faithful servants. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *(South Africa)*

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and he has built us up into one body, with God. To whomever repents and believes he has promised reconciliation. So, live as people reconciled.

Amen.

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Hymn #591 *(10am only)* "Halle, Halle!"

Children's Message *(10am only)*
(Children may leave for Kid's Communities/Youth for Echo)

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Reading of our Faith – "And the Table Will Be Wide" by Jan Richardson

Prayer for Illumination *(New Guinea)*

Lord, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming.

Hebrew Scripture Reading - Psalm 133

Anthem: *(10am only)* "We Gather at Your Table Lord" -arr. Walter Ehret

New Testament Epistle Reading - Acts 2:42-46

Message

God Calls Us to Respond

Commissioning of the Reverend Nancy Asbury *(10am only)*
Members of the Administrative Commission, Lorelei Zupp
Helen Burd

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

We bring these our gifts for Thy service, dear Savior; receive them and bless them, for thy kingdom's sake. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn #508 "Come to The Table" *(Korea)*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give thanks. . . As we offer ourselves to you in the prayer you taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Word's of Institution and Sharing the Meal

Prayer *(10am only)* *(USA)*

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #526 *(10am only)* "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" *(Jamaica)*

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction *(10am only)* "God Be with You 'til We Meet Again"

Postlude The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte

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.

Sunday Morning Bagel Help

Do you enjoy bagels on Sunday mornings? Right now, we could use some help cleaning up the bagels after the second service. If you can take 10 minutes to help us, that would be great, and we can all continue to enjoy bagels together. Call or text Deb Hill at 908-507-8803, or sign up on the "I Can Do That" board in Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

Listening Sessions

The AC has scheduled an additional listening session for Wednesday, October 10 from

5:30 pm - 7pm. Please call the church office at 908-996-2227 if you would like to schedule a time.

Book Club

Book Club will meet tomorrow, October 8th at 7pm at the church. The book that we will be discussing is *The Woman in the Window* by A.J Finn.

Food Pantry Help Needed

There are families in our community in need of your help. It's easy and fun to shop for the Food Pantry! Please give a hand - even just once or twice - by signing up for a week on the sheet found on the Deacon's bulletin board outside the kitchen, by the bagels, or contact Deb Hill at 908-507-8803.

Concert Series

Frenchtown Presbyterian's own Josh Wilson will be performing a solo piano recital on Sunday October 28th, at 2:00 p.m. The recital will be held in the FPC Sanctuary and will feature the music of Haydn, Schumann, Takemistu, and Ravel. Join him for a lovely afternoon of piano music!

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. 8-14

Today

Cantata Practice 11:15am
World Communion Hike, 12p at church

Monday

Book Club

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am
Mommy and Me Music Program, 10:45am
Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30am

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm
Women's AA Meeting, 9:30 am in Memorial Parlor
Bible Study, 9am, in youth room downstairs

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am
AA Meeting 7pm

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Deb Hill 908-507-8803**, if you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs other assistance from the Deacons.

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

Flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are donated in honor of Paul & Margaret Pfisterers' 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Reverend Nancy Asbury - Nancy Asbury, graduate of Drew Theological School, has served as pastor to ten congregations in New York and New Jersey. In her varied career, she has also served as Executive Director of Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity, Crisis Care Chaplain at Morristown Memorial Hospital and had a corporate career as a trainer and technical writer. She is married to Charley and is very happy to be Nana to 9-year-old grandson Matthew. Nancy and Charley fill their leisure time with biking, hiking, and camping.

Deacons needed

Do you know someone who would make a great Deacon?

Frenchtown Presbyterian's Nominating Committee is considering names of members to serve as a Deacon? We are currently looking to fill 5 deacon positions. In particular, we seek nominees who:

- Are grounded in a strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and who love God and neighbor
- Are of spiritual character, honest repute, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment
- Represent the rich diversity of the congregation's membership

If you are interested in serving or would like to suggest another FPC member, please contact Chrys Longman 908-256-0956 / clongman27@me.com or Glenn Horvath at 908-996-6356. You can also submit candidates for nomination. Please join us in prayer that we may continue to come together in response to Christ's call to serve.

World Communion Hike

Today, 12(Noon) Join us for an adventure into God's great creation. We will be traveling to the Musconetcong Gorge Preserve. This event is open to the whole family! Be sure to bring a water bottle, bug spray and comfortable hiking shoes. We will meet at the church at noon.



Halloween Parents' Pit-Stop

Donations of candy are needed for this fun annual event. Please leave any donations in the church kitchen labeled for the Pit Stop. If you would like to help the night of, please contact Barbara Huey 908-268-3063 or Robert Ross rob@frenchtownpres.org

Hospitality Team Request

Do you like to cook? Please consider making a casserole, quiche or soup for the freezer so that we can bring it to our shut-ins and ailing community members who so need our comfort and a prepared meal. If you'd like to be called for future cooking/baking needs, please sign up on the "I Can Do That" board in Fellowship Hall. You can also drop your **labeled and dated** meals in the freezer at the church.

Music Ministry

The annual Cantata Choir will be meeting after the 10:00 service in the choir room. The concert is scheduled for December 16th. Contact Joshua Wilson at pianomanjosh117@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Children's Choir

The FPC Children's choir will meet after Sunday school for a half hour in the 3rd-5th grade room and will be led by Karina Fengler. Come and sing about the Bible with your friends while you learn about music!