

# Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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## Worship Services

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

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#### Clerk of Session

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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

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

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

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Deborah Fiebig 908-996-6436

#### Bereavement

Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021

Jennifer Cwynar 908-334-1826

#### Youth Care Projects

Madelyn Freeman

#### Events

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### Church Staff

#### Pastor

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#### Church Secretary

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#### Choir Director

Kathy Hartman 484-226-0017



## FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 17, 2017

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

### 8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks for calling us into the church where you assure us of your immeasurable love for us, and where you command us to share your love with others.

Through words of Scripture and your Spirit whispering in our soul, help us to know the work that is ours to do, and grant us the courage to carry it out. Embolden us to resist evil, injustice, and violence; inspire us to speak the truth, to show respect, and to live generously; and energize us to spread joy, create beauty and foster hope. In your holy name, we pray.

Amen

\*Hymn #39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 22:32-36, Matthew 7:24-27,  
2 Timothy 3:10-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Foundations of Faith: "B.I.B.L.E - The Book for Me"  
Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Charge and Blessing

### 10:00 A.M. Worship

Prelude

Choral Introit

"He Has Made Me Glad"

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

**and also with you!**

## God Gathers Us in Love

### Call to Worship

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

**People: the conviction of things not seen.**

Leader: Happy are those who trust in the Lord,

**People: whose hope is in God's steadfast love**

**ALL: Let us Worship God!**

\*Hymn #39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

### Unison Prayer of Confession

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

### Children's Message

(Children 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

2 Samuel 22:32-36

Choral Anthem

"I Will Rejoice and Be Glad"

New Testament Reading Matthew 7:24-27 & 2 Timothy 3:10-17

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon Foundations of Faith: "B.I.B.L.E - The Book for Me"

\*Hymn #625

"How Great Thou Art"

## God Calls Us to Respond

Affirmation of Faith - By Barbara Hedges-Goettl

**Together we confess that God unites us in faith.**

**Together we come to know the height, and the breadth, and the depth of the love of Christ.**

**Together we are built up to the full stature of Christ.**

**Together we know and bear one another's burdens.**

**We admonish one another. We comfort one another. We suffer with one another. We need one another. We build up one another. Together we pray. Together we serve God in this world. Together we fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Thanks be to God.**

Minute for Mission - Barbara Huey

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 #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

"Gospel Amen"

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.

### Gathering at the Manse

There will be an "Open House @ Pastor Courtney's House" on Saturday, September 23rd, 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 hot dogs/burgers on the grill. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun. There will also be yard games in the back. All ages are invited!

### 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 - Sept. 17-23**

##### 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

Christmas Cantata rehearsal, 11:30-1:00 p.m.

**DEACON OF THE MONTH** - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884** 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 request please contact Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884 or email him at kennyg12@ptd.net

## Sermon Series

This Sunday we begin our Foundations of Faith Sermon Series. Let us explore together the guiding principles that encourage us along the way in our Christian faith and journey:

B.I.B.L.E. - September 17th

Jesus Loves the Children of the World - October 1st

The Good Shepherd - October 8th

Filled with the Spirit - October 15th

Praying Without Ceasing - October 22nd

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

Abundance in Obedience - November 5th – Stewardship Sunday

Fishing for Men - November 12th

Gifts, Miracles, & Gratitude - November 19th – Thanksgiving Sunday

## Music

The new Chancel Choir season has starting! Anyone interested in singing with the Choir can join us on Thursday nights from 7:30- 9:00 p.m. in the choir room. You do not have to read music to be part of choir, just have a love for singing and making music for the Lord. If you have any questions contact Kathy Hartman, Choir Director [484-226-0017](tel:484-226-0017) or Josh Wilson, organist 610-393-8670.

This year we will be presenting our 3rd Christmas Cantata on Sunday afternoon , December 10th. We will begin rehearsals on September 24th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. We will meet on Sunday afternoons in the sanctuary. Everyone will receive their own packet of music, a practice CD and a rehearsal calendar. Any questions? Call Kathy Hartman at [484-226-0017](tel:484-226-0017).

## Community Service and Outreach Program

**Free Senior Lunch and Learn Program**

**When?** Every Tuesday from 11:30 to 1:30

**Where?** Frenchtown Presbyterian, 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**What?** A half hour Moving to Heal NIA class (no impact aerobics), lunch, guest speakers and fun conversation with other local seniors! Join in the fun, register today! Contact Penni at 908-237-0465.

### Guest Speaker Schedule:

Sept. 19th - Meditation Class for Pain Relief

Sept. 26th - Holistic Health Coach, Eating Healthy Tastes Good

Oct. 3rd - Insurance Explained!

## Presbyterian Women

**Calling ALL Ladies.....**The Frenchtown Presbyterian Women would like to invite you join us on Tuesday September 26 at 7pm, for our monthly meeting. Come and see what we do to support our church and our community. For more information call: Gayla at 908-310-0702 or Marie at 908-996-3561.

## Save the Date

Pastor Courtney's Installation Service will be Sunday, October 15 at 4 PM