

# Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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## Summer Worship Services

8:00 A.M. with Communion & 9:30 A.M.

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### Board of Deacons

#### Benevolence

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Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

#### Short-Term illness

Jan Turenne 908-996-6392  
Jen & Dave Griffith 908-693-0405  
Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021

#### Hospitality

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Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

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

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Deborah Hill 908-507-8803  
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Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021  
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#### Youth Care Projects

Madelyn Freeman

#### Events

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### Church Staff

#### Pastor

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#### Church Secretary

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#### Treasurer

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#### Organist

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#### Youth Pastor

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#### Choir Director

Kathy Hartman 484-226-0017



## FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 3, 2017

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

### 8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer  
\*Hymn #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"  
Passing of the Peace  
Scripture Reading Amos 5:11-15, John 6:5-14, 26-27  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**  
Sermon "A Little Boy and His Lunch"  
Offering  
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
The Lord's Supper  
Charge and Blessing

### 9:30 A.M. Worship

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
The Lord be with you.....  
**and also with you!**  
**God Gathers Us in Love**  
Call to Worship  
Leader: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,  
**People: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."**  
Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
**People: And I will give you rest."**  
Leader: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors.  
**People: We come in gratitude for the opportunity to labor and in appreciation for those who labor in our community and in our world.**  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you call us to be workers on the earth. We confess, though, that our work is not always done in a manner that honors you, your creation, or one another. We forget that to work is a privilege where there is compensation and where we contribute meaningfully to our community. In seeking to get a good deal, we sometimes purchase goods that were made by those who were paid too little and who worked in unsafe conditions. Instead of working to change the unfair wages and work conditions, we often expect others to do that for us. Too often we ignore those who do not have jobs or work at jobs with little pay and insufficient benefits. Empower us to work to overcome injustice so that all workers are valued and treated honorably and fairly. Remind us to seek more to serve than to be served. We know that you give us an abundance of blessings and help us to share that abundance with others willingly and graciously. We thank you for the opportunity to labor for compensation and voluntarily. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

### Children's Message

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

Amos 5:11-15

New Testament Reading

John 6:5-14, 26-27

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"A Little Boy and His Lunch"

\*Hymn #753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

## God Calls Us to Respond

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## A Labor Day Litany

Pastor: O Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, on this Labor Day, we thank you for your care and loving concern for workers throughout the world.

Leader 2: We remember all workers: men and women; young and old of all races; ethnic and language groups in Asia and Pacific, Europe, Africa, North Africa, North America, Central America and the Caribbean, South America and the Middle East.

**People: Help all working persons to realize a deeper understanding of your presence and call them to do justice and build human community where they are employed.**

Pastor: For workers who face dangerous conditions or hazards in their work without sufficient warning or protection, Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

Leader 2: For all those who face the conflicts of working and caring for children without adequate support, Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

**People: For all workers who cannot find work and for whom unemployment assistance is not available, Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For workers who are displaced by technical changes or global pressures to relocate jobs, Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

Leader 2: For children whose childhood has been cut short because they are forced to work, Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

**People: For all who face difficulties or are discriminated against in getting work or at the workplace because of race, gender, ethnic group, physical disabilities, political or religious beliefs, or sexual orientation, Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all workers who have been affected by labor disputes or who have been discriminated against as a result of their union activity or because they sought justice in their place of employment, Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

Leader 2: For all workers whose work is taken for granted, is unappreciated or lacks meaning, Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology\*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication



### Music

The new **Chancel Choir** season is starting very soon! Anyone interested in singing with the Chancel Choir can join us on Thursday nights from 7:30- 9:00 p.m. in the choir room. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 7th**. 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.

**Praise Band**- our first rehearsal will be this **Wednesday, September 6th** in the choir room. Come with a song or 2 that you'd like to work on. Praise Band meets every other Wednesday from 7-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is open to anyone interested in Praise music. We are in need of a drummer! This band is open to anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument.

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).

### Save the Date

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

### Bible Study

The Wednesday morning weekly Bible Study will resume on September 13th at 9am downstairs at the church. All are welcome!

The Lord's Supper  
Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Words of Institution/Breaking & Pouring  
Communion of the People  
Communion Prayer

### **God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love**

\*Hymn #719 vs.1 & 4  
Charge and Blessing  
Postlude

"Come Labor On"

*\*please stand if able.*

### **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)

## 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. 3-9th**

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am  
Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30-1pm

#### Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm  
Praise Band Rehearsal 7-8pm

#### 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

#### Next Sunday

Rally Day, 10am  
Ordination of New Church Officers

**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.

#### Worship Times

Regular Worship Times of 8am and 10:00am, will begin next week September 10th. Kid's Communities will also resume September 10th-Rally Day.

#### Summer Kid's Communities

There will be no Kid's Communities this Sunday so we can get everything ready for the new year and Rally Day :)  
**See you September 10th for Rally Day at 10:00 am!**

#### Community Service and Outreach Program

##### **Senior Lunch & NIA & Bingo Program**

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

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

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

#### Presbyterian Women

**Calling ALL Ladies.....**The Frenchtown Presbyterian Women would like to invite you join us on Tuesday September 26, 2017 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.

#### Food Pantry

A big thank you, to all the children, parents and teachers from VBS, who donated groceries to our pantry, we received a full car load! And thank you to all who donated last Sunday for Food Pantry Sunday. All donation were greatly appreciated and are always welcome in the bin in Fellowship Hall.