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

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 10, 2017 - Rally Day

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

"...all the beauty of the world, the beauty that calls our admiration, our gratitude, our worship at the earthly level, is meant as a set of hints, of conspiratorial whispers, of clues and suggestions and flickers of light, all nudging us into believing that behind the beautiful world is not random chance but the loving God."

(N.T. Wright, For All God's Worth)

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of Your creation, we may come to know You more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in Your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading Psalm 8, Genesis 1:14-19, Colossians 1:12-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Starry, Starry Night"

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

"Come All You People"

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

and also with you!

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy, Holy, the earth is filled with Your glory!
Almighty and everlasting God, You made the universe
with all its marvelous order,

**People: its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite
complexity of living creatures:**

Leader: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of Your
creation, we may come to know You more truly.

**People: And that in knowing you more truly, we may know
our role in your Kingdom.**

Leader: We are grateful and humbled before your creation and
we are amazed at your creativity. Help us to
appreciate your creation and to care for it with grace.
God, you are our Creator, and we are blessed.

ALL: Let us Worship God!

*Hymn #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, You are our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.
All that is, all that was, and all that is to be comes from your
good and powerful Word. All of your creation will one day
bow down before you. Redemption is ours with life
everlasting because of the healing work of Jesus Christ. All
of your people are united and joined to you in holy
community because of the gift of Your Holy Spirit. You are
generous and kind. We try to be grateful, yet we confess that
we do not always grasp Your goodness or understand Your
creative power. We tend to underestimate the reach of your
unconditional love and grace. And, we create boundaries
and conditions that try to exclude people from your
inclusivity. Forgive us, Triune God, and help us to follow
you living in new ways that bring you glory and contribute to
the flourishing of your entire creation. 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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

Choral Anthem

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:14-19

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:12-22

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Starry, Starry Night"

*Hymn #22

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

God Calls Us to Respond

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

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 #370

"This Is My Fathers World"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Postlude

**please stand if able*

Food Pantry

Next Sunday is Pantry Sunday. Please bring something in for the food Pantry. Items needed: hardy soups, baked beans, canned peas and whole kernel corn, boxed Mac n cheese, spaghetti, apples, and potatoes. Please be sure to check the expiration dates on all items donated. Thank you!

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. 10-16th

Monday

Deacon Meeting, 7pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:30-1pm

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

Next Sunday

Monthly Breakfast

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.

**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.*

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

Our Church Family

Our sympathy and prayers are lifted up for Ed & Theresa Marston in the loss of their son, James, this past Monday. Our condolences are also extended to James' sister, Vera, and brother, Benjamin. Oh Lord, hear our prayers, for those who mourn their loved one.

In the promises of God we celebrate the gift of life and resurrection, yet we grieve our loved one's passing from this life to life eternal.

Cards for Ed & Theresa Marston can be sent to: 183 Smithtown Rd, Pipersville PA 18947

Congratulations to Dwayne Hummer and Cindy Smerdon. They were married, on September 6th. Dwayne is the son of Wink and Ruth Hummer.

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. 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).

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 this Wednesday, September 13th at 9am downstairs at the church. All are welcome!

Community Service and Outreach Program

Free Senior Lunch and Learn Program

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

Where? Frenchtown Presbyterian, 4th 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. 5th - Holistic Health Coach, Cravings and sweet substitutes

Sept. 12th - Dealing with Depression

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, 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.