

FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 9th, 2017
PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Prophet, Priest & King"

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Charge and Blessing

10:00 A.M. Worship

Meditation

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

and also with you!

Choral Introit

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place, with these people, we begin that week we call Holy.

People: We crane our necks to see the parade, we will bow our heads as the crucifixion procession winds through the streets.

Leader: We have been with Jesus on this journey; we long for courage to go to the end.

People: In one hand, we clutch the palm branches; in the other, we cradle our broken hearts.

Leader: As children dance excitedly around him, Jesus humbly enters our lives.

People: Hosanna! We welcome the kingdom bearer into our midst. Hosanna!

*Hymn #196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Prayer of Confession

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness: Christ has come to save us!

People: Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest. Amen!

*Hymn #447

"We Are Forgiven"

Children's Message

(Children may leave for Kid's Communities and Youth for Echo)

Passing the Peace Hymn #447

"We Are Forgiven"

(Please pass the peace of Christ.)

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Choral Anthem

"Hosanna"

A Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Prophet, Priest & King"

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for our **annual Church Picnic on May 21st** at Frenchtown Park. Picnic will begin after the 10am service at approximately 11:30am. Grilled meats and drinks will be provided, but please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Let's celebrate another year in the life of our wonderful church! We will need people to set up and clean up, so please contact Barbara Huey at 268-3063 or barbarahuey1@gmail.com if you can help.

Community Outreach

The new Frenchtown Community Service and Outreach Initiative (CS&O) is joining forces with the Harvest Family Success Center (FSC) and Frenchtown Borough to host a Health Fair on **Saturday, April 29th, from 10 am to 2pm** as the kick-off event for the CS&O. The Health Fair will take place here at the church and all events are free! The fair will feature health and wellness programs for the whole family. Healthy snacks will be available throughout the day, and door prizes will be drawn every half hour featuring gift cards for local businesses and product gift baskets. The day's events will also include a Senior "Lunch and Learn," yoga demonstrations, meditation and mindfulness programs, blood pressure checks, healthy cooking/eating classes and much, much more! There will be free events for the entire family running throughout the day. Plan on joining us for this fun filled day to kick off the start of the Frenchtown Community Service and Outreach Initiative, and mark your calendars now for April the 29th!

Children's Envelopes

If you would like envelopes for your child's offering, boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall. Please make sure to sign your child's name next to the box number you take, Please call Christine Aherne on Tuesday's at 908-996-2227 if you have any questions.

Soles for Souls

Total Shoe count collected is 1683. Collection box for the shoes is located in the Fellowship Hall.

God Calls Us to Respond

*Hymn #198

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

*Affirmation of Faith (*from the Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church USA*)

Leader: How did Jesus Christ fulfill the office of prophet?

All: He was God's Word to a dying and sinful world; he embodied the love he proclaimed. His life, death and resurrection became the great Yes that continues to be spoken despite how often we have said No. When we receive this Word by faith, Christ himself enters our hearts, that he may dwell in us forever, and we in him.

Leader: How did Jesus Christ fulfill the office of priest?

All: He was the Lamb of God that took away the sin of the world; he became our priest and sacrifice in one. Confronted by our hopelessness in sin and death, Christ interceded by offering himself – his entire person and work -- in order to reconcile us to God.

Leader: How did Jesus Christ fulfill the office of king?

All: He was the Lord who took the form of a servant; he perfected royal power in weakness. With no sword but the sword of righteousness, and no power but the power of love, Christ defeated sin, evil and death by reigning from the cross.

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 #220

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

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.

EASTER SERVICES

Easter Sunday, April 16th

6:30am Sunrise Service at the Milford Ball field

8am Communion Service

9:30am Family Service with Children's choir, egg hunt to follow

11:00am Worship Service with Choir music

Morning Service in Lent

Join us each Wednesday morning in Lent in the sanctuary at 7 am for a service of morning prayer and communion. We will have you on your way by 7:30 so that you can get to other responsibilities.

Bible Study

Each Wednesday at 9 am we will gather downstairs and look at one or more of the Bible readings for the coming Sunday.

For Wednesday, April 12th, please read **Matthew 28:1-10**.

Egg Donations

The worship committee is looking for donations for **plastic filled eggs** for the egg hunt. Please leave all eggs in the church kitchen.

Mission Possible

Save the Date! The Summer Mission trip will be **July 9-16th** to Black Mountain Home for Children in Ashville N.C. This trip is open to all ages. If you are interested in going or have any questions please contact Paul Pfisterer at 610-294-9412.

Equipping Parents-Social Media & Technology

April 23, 5:30pm - 8:00pm - All Families Welcome!

Equipping Parents is a teaching series dedicated to equipping parents with knowledge, resources & support needed to help teens navigate the realities of this world. A free family style dinner will be served at 5:30pm, Adult program & youth activity start at 6:15pm. Please RSVP by April 19th! Email: equippingparents@frenchtownpres.org or Call: (908) 996-2227.

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

Today

Youth Group, 5:30-8p

EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor.

Alanon Meeting, 7:30pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Wednesday

Lenten Morning Prayer with Communion, 7am

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Bible Study, 9am

AA Meeting 6:30am

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday, 7pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12-1pm

Good Friday Services, 7pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

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

Free Tax Prep Services

FPC is hosting United Way free tax preparation. Last date scheduled is April 11th. Appointments are needed. Please dial 2-1-1 ext 27 to schedule an appointment. Hosted by Frenchtown Community Services and Outreach Group.

"Take Me Out To The Ball Game!"

All softball/baseball players - we need you! The 4th annual Benefit Softball Game, Milford MAYHEM vs Frenchtown FRENZY will be played on Sunday, May 7th @ 2:00 pm at Old Frenchtown Field (across from the school). This game is to benefit the Food Pantry. Last year we collected 1500 pounds of food! **BUT, we need players!** Please contact Dave Fleck at 973-903-4536 or Rob Ross at 609-571-8012 for questions. We will also need a few volunteers to help with the food collection. Please contact Barbara Huey 908-268-3036 if interested.

Youth Group

The youth group are selling **Dorney Park Tickets**. Tickets are \$35.00/ea (Regular ticket price is \$56.00/ea, a SAVINGS of \$21.00/ea). Orders must be received by April 30th, Tickets will be available by the end of May. Tickets will be good for any public operating day of the 2017 season. Contact Rob at 609-571-8012 or Michelle at 908-995-4967 with any questions and/or orders.

Confirmation Class Mission Project

The mission project for this year's 2017 confirmation class will be collecting donations of new adult sized socks and Underwear. This donation will take place **through April 23rd**. Bins will be located throughout the church where donations can be placed. If you have any questions please contact Robert Ross at 609-571-8012.

Pantry Sunday

Next week is Pantry Sunday, please bring something in for the food pantry. Items needed are laundry detergent, canned fruit, canned beets, syrup, cereal & Campbell's creamed soups.

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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Worship Services

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

Session (Elders)

Building and Grounds

Ed Marston 215-297-8208
Eugene Hill 908-996-3037

Christian Education

Michelle Hendrix 908-995-4967
Kristyn Eckert 908-995-7703

Community Life

DeAnn Finelli 908-237-1104
David Fleck 973-903-4536

Mission and Outreach

Jeanne Herb 908-752-5455
Barbara Huey 908-268-3063

Stewardship

Yoama Pons 610-982-0138
Jeanne Herb 908-752-5455

Worship

Diane Reed 610-294-6673
Gayla Gerhardt 908-310-0702

Clerk of Session

Kathy Skerbetz 908-996-6126

Board of Deacons

Benevolence

Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884
Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

Short-Term illness

Jan Turenne 908-996-6392
Jen & Dave Griffith 609-397-8772
Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021

Hospitality

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770
Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

Jan Turenne 908-996-6392
Deborah Hill 908-507-8803
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

Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

Church Staff

Youth Minister

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Church Secretary

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