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

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Board of Deacons

Benevolence

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Short-Term illness

Jan Turenne 908-996-6392
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

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
*Hymn #8 "Eternal Father, Strong To Save"
Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-14 & John 17:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!
Sermon "The Pause Before Pentecost"
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 "Joyful, Joyful"

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship
Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.
People: We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.
Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.
People: We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity. (Silent prayers)
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised!

*Hymn #8 "Eternal Father, Strong To Save"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God forgives us and frees us for new life.
God loves us and makes us whole again.

People: God strengthens us to bring freedom, wholeness and new life for all God's creation.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel;

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.)

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle—lujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

A Reading from the New Testament Acts 1:6-14

Choral Anthem

"He's Got the Whole World/This is My Fathers World"

A Reading from the Gospel John 17:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"The Pause Before Pentecost"

God Calls Us to Respond

*Hymn #543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

*Affirmation of Faith (from "A Declaration of Faith")

Leader: God keeps his promises and gives us hope. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises.

People: All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over.

Leader: God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

People: In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

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 #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction "Go, My Children, with My 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.

Music Ministry

Calling all musicians – any age – any instrument – no matter how many years of lessons or how long it has been since you played!! We are planning to meet two or three times over the summer to practice– with music written out specifically for each instrument – and then participate in worship by accompanying with the hymns at some point this coming Fall. Contact Diane Reed at dianereed288@yahoo.com or Josh Wilson at pianomanjosh117@gmail.com – or see us in church – if you are interested. Get those instruments out and we'll have some fun making music for our Lord!

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 - May 28-June 4

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor.
Alanon Meeting, 7:30pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm
Bible Study, 9am

Thursday

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

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12-1pm

Saturday

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

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Jennifer Griffith** at 908-639-0405 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**



Elders & Deacons Needed

If you would like to service as an officer of your church, Elders and Deacons are needed. If interested or have any questions about what's involved contact Kathy Skerbetz at 908-720-6533

Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 4 - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM - Communion will not be served at the 10:00 AM service.

June 11 - One service at 10:00 AM - Communion will be served and it will be Stephen's last Sunday with us. There will be cake following the service.

June 25 - 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - Summer schedule of 8:00 and 9:30 AM services begins and will continue through Labor Day weekend (9/3).

July 1 - One service at 9:30 AM - Communion will be served.

We welcome our new pastor, Courtney B. Cromie.

A luncheon will follow the service. Presbyterian Women will be providing sandwiches, please bring a salad, side or dessert to share.

September 10 - Rally Day!! Back to Regular Worship Schedule of 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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. Please read Ephesians 4:1-16 for May 31st.

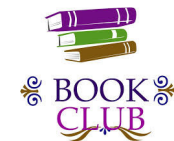


Trenton Thunder Baseball Game

The annual night at the ballpark with fireworks will be Saturday August 26th at 7pm. We will depart by bus from the church parking lot at 5:00pm for the Trenton Thunder home stadium at Arm & Hammer Park. A sign-up sheet will be on the "I Can Do That Board". Trenton Thunder is an American Minor League Baseball team based in Trenton, NJ, that is a Double-A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

Community Outreach Program

The CS&O is sponsoring a new program – Senior Bingo Luncheons! Every Tuesday starting June 6th here at the church from 11:30-1:00pm. Join other local seniors, play some bingo, have a delicious free lunch and learn more about senior opportunities in our community! Look for flyers to be posted. Contact Penni Paul at 908-237-0465 for more information and to register.



Book Club

Come join us at the next Book Club: Tuesday, June 13th 7-9pm at Jimmy's Custard Stand. The Book: "Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins Contact Kristyn Eckert at kristyneckert@gmail.com.