

# 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

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#### Christian Education

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DeAnn Finelli 908-237-1104  
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#### Mission and Outreach

Jeanne Herb 908-752-5455  
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#### 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 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

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

Robert Ross 609-571-8012  
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#### Church Secretary

Lea Raymond 908-996-2227

#### Treasurer

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#### Church Sexton

Marie Johnson 908-996-3561

#### Interim Pastor

Rev. Stephen Kolderup 404-434-5844  
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#### Financial Secretary

Christine Aherne 908-996-2227

#### Choir Director

Kathy Hartman 484-226-0017

#### Organist

Josh Wilson 610-393-8670



## FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

### 10:00 A.M. Worship

Meditation

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

**and also with you!**

Choral Introit

"Come All You People"

### **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God – the Holy One of creation -- has filled our world with beauty and wonder!

**People: Our God – the Holy One of grace -- loves each and every one of God's children.**

Leader: Our God – the Holy One of abundance -- feeds us life-giving bread, fills us with joy, and blesses us with peace.

**People: Our God – the Holy One of promise – invites us all to life in Christ that each might have a life of abundance.**

**All: Our God – the Holy One of presence – meets us here. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we seek to be faithful stewards in sharing the abundant grace you have showered upon us. We long to serve each other in love and humility where our service to the world is done with wisdom and love. Forgive us when we stumble over pride and when our words and actions are not guided by humility. Turn our hearts back to you, O God, so that when we act in folly, you help return us to your path.**

When we are tired, Lord, restore our energy and strengthen our spirit. Sometimes our efforts fail, but we know that your mercy is unfailing and that forgiveness is given to us through the sacrificial gift of Jesus Christ. Help us to live as forgiven people today and always. In Christ's Name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: My Friends, let us hear and proclaim the Good News:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Alleluia, Amen.**

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 Old Testament

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Choral Anthem

"Gather the People"

A Reading from the Pauline Letters

Acts 2:42-47

A Reading from the Gospel

John 10:7-10

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon Abundant Life - It Sounds Too Good to Be True...."

## God Calls Us to Respond

\*Hymn #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone. We live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: Who has created and is creating  
and Who has come to us through Jesus.**

**We believe in Jesus: Who comes as the Word made  
flesh, Who reconciles and makes things new, and Who  
works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We believe in the church: The Body of Christ with  
Christ as the Head, a gift through the Spirit.**

**We believe we are the church body: who gathers to  
celebrate God's presence, who lives with respect for  
God's Creation, who loves and serves one another,  
and who seeks justice and resists evil, to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**We believe in God's Promise: For in life and in death,  
we belong to God. We are not alone. We live in God's  
Presence now and always. Thanks be to God!**

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution/Breaking and Pouring

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

## God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

\*Hymn #634

"To God Be the Glory"

Choral Benediction

"Gospel Amen"

Charge and 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.

## 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 7-13th**

#### Today

Soft ball game, Milford Mayhem vs. Frenchtown Frenzy, 2p

#### Monday

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

Alanon Meeting, 7:30pm

AA Meeting 6:30am

#### Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Bible Study, 9am

AA Meeting 6:30am

#### Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

#### Friday

Alanon meeting, 12-1pm

#### Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am

AA Meeting 7pm

#### Next Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

**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**



### Congregational Meeting

The Session of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church has called a meeting of the Congregation for **TODAY** for the purpose for hearing a final report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and proceeding to the election of the pastor.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:barbarahuey1@gmail.com) if you can help.

### "Take Me Out To The Ball Game!"

Today! The 4th annual Benefit Softball Game, Milford MAYHEM vs Frenchtown FRENZY will be played @ 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! Come on out and cheer on the team!

### 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.

### Presbyterian Women End of Year Picnic

Presbyterian Women end of year picnic will be held May 30th at 6:00pm at the home of Connie Sworen. All ladies of the church are invited to come. Please bring a covered dish to share and something for layette. Please RSVP to Gayla Gerhard at 908-310-0702.