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Summer Worship Services

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

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Short-Term illness

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Jen & Dave Griffith 908-693-0405

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 23, 2017

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

Opening Words: *We are grateful for your presence here today! We believe our purpose is to love God and share Jesus Christ. We strive to be a congregation in which all feel welcomed and there are many opportunities to engage and grow. Wherever you are in your journey with God, we want you to know you are welcome here.*

Featured verse for three weeks during "Salt & Light" Sermon Series: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot." (Matthew 5:13)

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #488

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

Scripture Reading

Psalms 139:1-12 & Matthew 5:13-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Salt & Light, Week 3 "Shine Your Light into Darkness"

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Charge and Blessing

9:30 A.M. Worship

Prelude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Duet by Susan Fitchett & Diane Reed

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

and also with you!

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; But the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

Pastor: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

People: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

(Kid's may leave for Sunday School Program)

*Song "Let Your Light Shine In The Darkness"

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (unison)

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.

Passing the Peace Hymn #591

"Halle, Halle!"

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Please pass the peace of Christ.)

A Reflection on Mission

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Readings

Psalm 139:1-12 & Matthew 5:13-16

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon Salt & Light, Week 3 "Shine Your Light into Darkness"

God Calls Us to Respond

*Hymn #853

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory

"He Loves Us All"

Doxology*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"Let There Be Peace"

**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



The Reverend Raymond E. Bonwell, III, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 30. Raymond is The Corporate Secretary of The Board of Pensions for the Presbyterian Church (USA). Rev. Bonwell is an ordained PC (USA) pastor and a minister member of the Philadelphia Presbytery. He graduated from The University of Michigan in economics and had a twelve-year career in finance. While working full-time in finance, he earned the Certified Investment Management Analyst designation from The Wharton School at The University of Pennsylvania. All through his career, though, Raymond felt the call for a deeper study of faith and theology. So, again while working full-time, Rev. Bonwell graduated from an intensive 2 ½ year lay-certification program. He still wanted to study theology more intensely and felt God calling him to attend Princeton Theological Seminary as a full-time student. Raymond left his career in finance and relocated to Princeton with his wife and three children. After graduation from Princeton Seminary, Rev. Bonwell served as The Director of Programs for the Continuing Education Department where he coordinated hundreds of conferences for lay and clergy leaders. Raymond has been invited to serve as guest preacher for hundreds of churches and to serve as a keynote and/or guest speaker in a variety of spaces around the country. Rev. Bonwell has a love for explaining things and wants to use the gifts he has to impact others, especially in the intersection of faith and finance. A few years ago, Raymond found a job where his love of finance and faith found its match. He was hired as an Educational Specialist for The Board of Pensions and has since been promoted to Corporate Secretary. Rev. Bonwell has had a great impact on others having had a live call-in radio program, published articles, and receiving awards for his faithful work and ministry. Let us offer a warm welcome to Raymond on Sunday, July 30!

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 - 23-30 July

Today

Youth leave for youth mission trip

Monday

Alanon Meeting, 7:30pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Lunch and Learn Bingo, 11:30-1pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday

AA Meeting 6:30am

Music Rehearsal

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 **David Griffith** at **908-693-0405** if you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs other assistance from the Deacons.



Something NEW- "Open House at Pastor Courtney's Home (Church Manse) with Coffee, Snacks, and Sweets." This gathering is for church members & leaders who will serve as "hosts" to welcome anyone who is a regular visitor, regular attendee, or a new visitor who is interested in learning more about our pastor and/or Frenchtown Presbyterian. Open Houses for "Guests & Visitors" will be held the fourth Sunday of the month at the manse (20 4th Street) from 4-5:30 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for members, elders and deacons to sign up to serve as "hosts."

Upcoming gatherings are as follows: Sunday, August 20, and Sunday, September 17.

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

Summer Sunday School

Our one room Sunday school program "Lego Faith Builders" for Preschool-5th grade will be held downstairs in the 3rd-5th-grade classroom every Sunday in the Summer. Please contact Kristyn Eckert if you have any questions 908-995-7703.



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. There is a sign-up sheet on the "I Can Do That Board" so we know how many tickets we will need.

Trenton Thunder is an American Minor League Baseball team based in Trenton, NJ, that is a Double-A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

Save the Date

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

Vacation Bible School

Alexandria, Frenchtown and Milford churches invite you to the **2017 Vacation Bible School - VBS Hero Central!**

At VBS Hero Central, children will interact, energize and enjoy a Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God.

They will become Heroes as they explore God's mission through songs, games and stories which reveal Hero Codes to equip every Hero for an active life with God.

DATE: July 31st to August 4th

TIME: 9:00am to 11:30am LOCATION: Alexandria First

Presbyterian Church 141 Route 519

Registration forms are available at the church or at www.alexpres.org