

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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

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Board of Deacons

Benevolence

Deborah Cooley 908-995-7770

Short-Term illness

Jen & Dave Griffith 908-693-0405
Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021

Hospitality

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Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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Madelyn Freeman

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 8, 2017

"Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of his pasture." (Psalm 100:3)

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #12 vs 1,3 & 4 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:24-27, John 10:14-15, 22-30

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Good Shepherd"

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

"Gather Us In"

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

and also with you!

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

Leader: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:

People: I know my own and my own know me.

Leader: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

People: I know them and they follow me.

Leader: O come let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**People: For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people,
the flock that God shepherds.**

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #12 vs 1,3 & 4 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts versus pursuing your holy ways. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent. According to your promises that you declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord, make our hearts white as snow. Grant, O merciful God, that we may live a holy, just, humble, and honorable life to the glory of your holy name. Sharpen our senses to hear and follow you more closely, so that we might help to lead others to fullness of life in you; in the name of the Good Shepherd we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

(Kid's may leave for Kid's Communities, Youth for Echo)

Children's Message

Children's Song "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

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 Matthew 7:24-27 & John 10:14-15, 22-30

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Choral Anthem "Come to Me"

Sermon Foundations of Faith: "The Good Shepherd"

*Hymn #418 "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"

God Calls Us to Respond

Affirmation of Faith - Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

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.

New Member Class

A new member class will be held on **Sunday, October 22 from 11:15am – 4pm**. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and/or Frenchtown Presbyterian in particular. Attending the class does not mean you must join the church. You are welcome to make that decision after you come to the meeting. Those who make the choice to join will meet with the Session and then be received into membership during an upcoming worship service. If you are interested and available to attend, let Pastor Courtney know. You can reach her by email at pastorcourtney@frenchtownpres.org or you may call the church office. You can sign up for the class or you can just come to the parlor after worship on Sunday, October 22. For those who are not quite ready, another class will be given during the spring.

Fall Session/Deacon Retreat

On Sunday, October 29 – 6-9 PM Our Deacons and Elders will be gathering for a Fall Retreat. Please pray for our leadership as we discern how God is directing us to “be” the church in the coming days and years. God is calling us to continue to be a blessing to Frenchtown and beyond. We pray for our leaders to be faithful and to seek God’s wisdom in leadership.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 29 times TBD

"FALL FAMILY FUN DAY"

Join us for a fun family day. Scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating/carving, crafts, etc. More details to come!!!

Trick or Treat Pit-stop

It's that spooooky, fun time of year approaching soon! Once again we will be sponsoring the "Parent's Pit-stop" on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31st! If you can donate a bag or two of Halloween candy, please bring it to the church office for safe keeping. If you can help that night with set up, handing out goodies, or clean up, please contact Barbara Huey at [\(908\) 268-6063](tel:9082686063) or at barbarahuey1@gmail.com. Thank you. Looking forward to seeing everyone Halloween night!

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 - October 7-14

Today

Cantata practice, 11:30am

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor

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

Rev. Courtney's Installation Service and Reception, 4pm

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Deborah Hill 908-507-8893** 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

Sermon Series

Foundations of Faith:

Filled with the Spirit - October 15th

Praying Without Ceasing - October 22nd

In Celebration of the Church - October 29th – Reformation Sunday

Nominating Committee

Nominations are being accepted for the position of clerk of session and deacon. We are grateful to the Nominating Committee for their faithful work in bringing forth leaders who have been called by God to serve in our deacon and elder positions. Have you been called to serve God in a leadership role? Are you concerned about Frenchtown Presbyterian and its ministries? Do you want to help those in need? Or do you know someone who would be a good leader? You can nominate someone as well. If you are willing or know someone who is willing, let our church office know, or Pastor Courtney.

Community Service and Outreach Program

Free Senior Lunch and Learn Program, Tuesday 11:30-1:30

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

Guest Speaker Schedule:

Oct. 10th - Staying connected to your Community with Carmel Gettings

Oct. 17th - Fall Crafts to Keep our Mind Sharp with Penni Trionfo

Oct. 24th - Outsmart the Scammers with Lacy Phelps.

Oct. 31 - Eating Hygiene for Ultimate Digestion with Jurgita Caballero

Nov. 7 - A Century of Hair through History! With Michelle Gill

Nov. 14 Estate planning/living wills - with Lacy Phelps

Dec 5, celebrate being a mature woman with quotes on aging by famous women!

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.



Save the Date - Rev. Courtney's Installation Service

All are invited to attend a reception following the Installation Service on Sunday, October 15th. Please come and join us for a time of food and celebration of this new journey for our church. Many guests from the New Brunswick Presbytery and our surrounding communities will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity to share with all the fabulous ministries and offerings we have here at Frenchtown Presbyterian with others. **Please join in the Installation at 4 PM and the reception that follows.**

HELP IS NEEDED TO BUILD AN AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM

We are still looking for people willing and interested to help with audio/visual needs in worship. We need several individuals to offer to help at either service so that we will have a team who work together to cover the audio/visual needs. The job would be to help on Sundays during either service to make sure all goes well with the display of information on the screen and to monitor and/or make adjustments to the sound board. This is a unique opportunity for you to work behind the scenes and provide a meaningful worship experience for our congregation. See Rob Ross, Pastor Courtney, or a member of the Worship Committee for more information. Or you can call our church office at 908-996-2227.

Gathering at the Manse

There will be an "Open House @ Pastor Courtney's House" on Saturday, October 21st, 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 a hot meal. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun. There will also be yard games in the back. All ages are invited!