**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship 9:30AM**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**April 23, 2023**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

God has called us together for this time of worship. In this

hour let us open our hearts to the one who gives us life.

**Let us set our faith and hope in God.**

God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

**Together let us lift our voices in songs of praise.**

\*Hymn #246 vss. 1,2,5 “Christ is Alive!”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

 **God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. We get caught up in our own hopes and plans and when the circumstances of life disappoint, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may see the new life you offer us. Open our hearts, that we may walk as people of hope, trusting in the power of the resurrection to make all things new. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Time with Children

**God Speaks to Us Through God’s Word**

First Scripture Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

Message – Rev. Nancy Asbury

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #250 “Hymn of Promise”

Invitation to the Offering

\*Offertory

\*Doxology #606 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Wonderful, amazing God, we thank you that through the**

**resurrection of your son, you have brought us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this day, may we awake to fresh opportunities to love and serve you and witness to your grace made known in Christ. Use us and our gifts, to your glory. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Over powers and principalities, over all who determine,

control, govern or finance the affairs of humankind,

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the

sinner,

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Above the Church, beyond the most excellent theologies

and in the quiet corners of our hearts,

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Thanks be to God**.**

**Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**God Sends Us Out to Reflect God’s Love**

\*Hymn #747 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

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**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 –-April 24-30**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Program, 11:15am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

 AA Meeting 7:30pm

**Thursday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

**Friday**

 Alanon Meeting 12-1pm

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

 Campfire and Game night

**Fifth Saturday in Frenchtown**

The Community Outreach Committee at FPC has come up with a themed “Fifth Saturday in Frenchtown” Every month that has a 5th Saturday we will be having a fun for all ages special event, hosted by the church.   Join us this Saturday April 29th for our first 5th Saturday in Frenchtown event. Family Bonfire and Game Night from 6:30-8:30pm. This is a free event! Outdoor and indoor games, snacks and fun for everyone! RSVP to Jen Campbell by text to 908-502-2575

**Book Club**

The book club will be meeting on May 8th at 1pm at Jimmy’s Ice Cream, weather permitting. The book they are reading and will be discussing is “The Vanishing Acts” by Jodi Picoult. All are invited even if you have never been before.

**Camp Johnsonburg - Summer Camp Registering Now!**

Johnsonburg is a place where all may gather and all are welcomed in God’s beautiful creation…and we are registering for SUMMER CAMP! As New Jersey’s only Presbyterian summer camp, we have been the highlight of summer for thousands of kids across our 63 years.

We’ve got six 1-week overnight sessions for kids in rising 1st-12th grades from June to August. Our program has tons of activities, and our camp counselors are carefully hired, screened, and trained to be great role models for campers.

Summer camp has been shown to increase social and emotional wellness in children and youth, as well as teaching them to be more independent and helping them to make friends. For more information, visit campjburg.org/summer-camp

**Would you like to be a Sunday Liturgist?**

This might include announcements, calling the congregation to worship, reading a scripture passage, leading the Affirmation of Faith, introducing the offering, and leading prayers. A variety of voices leading our Sunday worship adds richness and texture! Please consider signing up for a Sunday, or two, or three! See Bill Penyak or Pastor Merideth if interested.