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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**April 7th, 2024 - Communion Sunday**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

**People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

**People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord!**

\*Hymn #248 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

 **O Lord our God, we think we are at our best when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up in unexpected places. Forgive for locking the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not in the world. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of the resurrection, lead us into new life in Christ. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

\*Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri#584 “Glory to God,Whose Goodness shines on Me”

 *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,*

 *and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,*

 *and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

 *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

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

First Scripture Reading 1 John 1:1-4

Scripture Lesson John 20:19-29

Sermon “Conditional Faith”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns!”

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles (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 sits at 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.**

The LORD’s Supper

 The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

 Communion of the People

 *We share a common loaf and a common cup. Come forward via the aisle on the right. The pastor will tear a piece of bread from the loaf. Dip it in the cup and partake of it as you return to your seat via the aisle on the left. Please inform an usher if you need assistance or would like to be served in your seat.*

Hymn (during Communion) #523 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #157 “I Danced in the Morning”

Charge and Blessing

Benediction Response #591 Halle, Halle Hallelujah! (Refrain)

 *Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

 *Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

 *Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

 *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

 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 8-14**

**Monday**

 Book Club, 1pm

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

 AA Meeting 7:30pm

 2nd Wednesday Soup Supper 5:45pm-8pm

**Thursday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

**Friday**

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

 Italian Dinner Fundraiser, 3:30-6pm

**Next Sunday**

 Praise Band

**Italian Night**

Saturday April 13th, 3:30pm-6pm. Dine in or take out. $13.00 per adult, $6.00 per child. Chicken Parmesan and Lasagna, roasted vegetable, salad, roll and dessert. Benefits FPC.

To preorder email dianereed288@yahoo.com or tonya.reese@hotmail.com

**Soup Study and the Chosen**

Second WEDNESDAY Soup and Study, April 10, 2024, 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. We’ve decided to make it a habit! Join us each SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month to gather for a pot-luck supper of soup or easy one-dish meals (see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall). And then after supper, we’ll watch another episode The Chosen in the Sanctuary. together.  Afterward, we’ll take some time to discuss and review some of the key scripture passages.  We’ll conclude each evening by 8 pm. No worries if you haven’t participated before.  All are welcome!

**Piano Recital**

Join us for a piano recital Sunday April 28th at 2pm with Madalina Danila. Romanian pianist (& Hugh’s new wife) Madalina has been invited by international acclaimed violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter to perform at the Ruhr Klavier Festival in Germany, one of the world’s foremost piano festival. You are invited to experience a special preview of the extraordinary piano recital by this rising star!

**Blood Drive**

FPC Will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday April 19th from

1p-6pm. To schedule an appointment contact Jennifer Campbell at 908-502-2575 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter FrenchtownPresby.

**Youth Night at the church**

April 26th Youth Night at the Church from 6:30 - 9:00pm. Pizza and a Movie. Bring a friend or two or more!