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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**August 18, 2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose, let us make the most of our time together.

**People: We have come to worship the Lord our God**

Leader: As we sing praise in hymns and spiritual songs,

let us make the most of our time together.

**People: We have come to worship the Lord our God**

Leader: As we respond to the melody in our hearts,

let us make the most of our time together.

 **People: We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

\*Hymn #321 The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ’s presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri#582 “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 Genesis 37:2-4, 37:18-28

Scripture Lesson Genesis 50:14-21

Sermon “To Err is Human”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #372 “O For a World”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Please consider donating online using our QR code (aim your phone’s camera here, then click on the link that appears):

Doxology # 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith – (from a “Brief Statement of Faith”)

 **In life and death we belong to God.**

 **Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

 **The love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

 **we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,**

 **whom alone we worship and serve.**

 **In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel**

**from the house of bondage.**

 **Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #515 “I Come With Joy”

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

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\*please stand if able

**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 –August 19-25**

**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**

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

**Christian Education**

Sunday School has ended for the Summer but we are looking for volunteers to cover the children during worship. You can do a Sunday school lesson: play games; do crafts; or whatever you feel comfortable with. If you have questions please contact Tonya Reese. tonya.reese@hotmail.com or 908-310-9240. Thank you for volunteering your time!

**Community Worship at the Park**

Sunday September 1st we will be having a Community Worship Service at the Kingwood Park in Kingwood Twp. Worship will begin at **10am** with a community picnic to follow.

This is also the first Sunday of the Month…Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring something in for the Pantry. Thank you.

**5th Saturday Community Event**

Our next 5th Saturday event will take place on August 31st and will be a Trenton Thunder baseball game. See “I Can do That” board in Fellowship Hall to sign up for tickets and for more info.

This is a free event!

**Super Senior Program**

The Senior program will be meeting this Tuesday at 11:15am for chair yoga, lunch at 12, and then a program from Chris Kellogg, with Nightingale on scams. All Seniors are welcome!