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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**August 25, 2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: Whom do you seek here in this place?

**People: We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.**

Leader: Who has told you of God?

**People: Jesus Christ, God’s Son, has shown us the love of God through his life**

Leader: Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

**People: We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Patient Lord, we want quick and easy answers to all of life’s problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Forgive us, Lord, when we are impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is.**

 **Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Give us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. 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 Psalm 34:1-14, 22

Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 8:1-11

Sermon “Remember the Long Way”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #778 “As Pants the Deer for Living Streams”

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 #315 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”

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 26-Sept. 1**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 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

**Next Sunday**

 Community Worship and Picnic, 10am

 Food Pantry Sunday

**Sign up to be a Liturgist**

We have added new dates through December. Please contact the church office or Gayla to sign up to be a Liturgist in worship on Sunday morning. We need you!

**Community Worship at the Park**

**Next 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**

5th Saturday event this Saturday August 31st to 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! Spread the word!

**Food Pantry Sunday**

Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring something in to donate to the pantry. There will be a donation box at the park at the Community service.

**Stop and Shop Bloomin 4 Good Program**

On September 1st, Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Food Pantry starts benefiting from the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program at

The store on 334 State Route 31, Flemington NJ.

For each specially marked $10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased during September, Stop & Shop will donate $1 to Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Food Pantry! Surprise someone special with a bouquet of flowers.