**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship Service** 9:30AM

**Session (Elders)**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Introit Hymn#137 vs 1 “He Came Down”

*He came down that we may have hope;*

*he came down that we may have hope;*

*he came down that we may have hope;*

*Hallelujah forevermore.*

**God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: We come from a world of darkness.

**People: Into Christ’s world of light.**

Leader: We come from a world of weariness

**People: Into God’s strength and hope.**

Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

**People: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ**

\*Hymn #347 vs.1,2,3 “Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of the prophets, we confess our lack of preparedness and our tendency to wander away from you and your path. You call us to venture outside our comfortable spaces, yet we hunker down and excuse ourselves from faithful action. Forgive us, God. Call us again. Help us to respond this Advent in faith. Amen..**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #113 (refrain) “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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

Scripture Isaiah 7:10-17

Choral Anthem

Scripture Matthew 16:1-4

Sermon "The Next Big Thing"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology – Hymn #108 v.6 “Of the Father's Love Begotten”

\* Prayer of Dedication

**\*** Affirmation of Faith for Advent (by N. Nettleton)

**We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin**

**and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ— God coming to us in the**

**fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—**

**who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the**

**face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free**

**the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise**

**where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of**

**truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers**

**us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading**

**and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the**

**Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be**

**consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven,**

**when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow**

**will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and**

**gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.**

**For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray:**

**Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Sanctus #552 Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*

*God of power and might,*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the one who comes*

*in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest,*

*hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer After Communion (unison)

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living**

**members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you**

**have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his**

**body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen*.***

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

\*Hymn #105 vs1,3,4 “People, Look East”

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 – Dec. 5-11**

**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

Chancellor choir rehearsal 7:30-9pm.

**Friday**

Alanon Meeting 12-1pm

**Saturday**

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

AA Meeting 7pm

Parent night out, 6-9pm

**Next Sunday**

Cookie Exchange, 11a

**Poinsettia Orders**

It’s time to order Poinsettia’s for the Christmas Season. Red or White plants available for $9.00 per plant. Placed in memory of, in honor of, or to the Glory of God. Orders due by December 11th. Additional order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Call the church office if you have any questions.

**Angel Tree**

FPC Community Pantry will be sponsoring an Angel Tree to provide holiday gifts for the children and grandchildren of our pantry patrons.

The Angel Tree will be up in Fellowship Hall starting on Sunday November 27th with tags for each child and their wish lists. Gifts are due by December 16th. There will also be tags for special holiday items the pantry would like to have available for our patrons.

**Cookie Exchange**

The Frenchtown Presbyterian Church is hosting a sweet treat/cookie exchange.  Please bring 4 dozen of your favorite kind of sweet treat or cookie and you will go home with many more.  This is a great way to get a variety of treats for the holidays without spending hours in the kitchen. The exchange will take place on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church.  If you would like to participate but can't make it that morning, drop off your cookies in the kitchen of the church labeled cookie exchange and we will make you a beautiful tray to pick up and take home. Call Tonya Reese 908-310-9240 or email tonya.reese@hotmail.com with any questions.

**Parent Night Out**

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church is having a Parents Night Out on Saturday December 10th, from 6-9pm.  Drop your kids off at the church for crafts, games, pizza, snacks, a movie and Santa will be here. Enjoy a night out without the kids.  Click here to see the flyer.  contact Jen Campbell at 908-502-2575 to RSVP.

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

The word liturgy in Greek combines two words: laos, meaning people, and ergon meaning work. The parts of worship led by the people and for the people are called the liturgy. Along with the pastor, liturgists lead worship. 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