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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**January 28, 2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

**People: Jesus will offer hope.**

Leader: Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

**People: Jesus will bring us healing.**

Leader: Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

**People: Jesus will teach us new ways to live. AMEN**

\*Hymn #2 “Come Thou Almighty King”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

 **Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. 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.*

Time for Children

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

Psalter Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.**

O Lord, your work is full of majesty and splendor, and your righteousness endures forever.

**You make your marvelous works to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all your commandments are sure.

**They stand fast forever and ever because they are done in truth and equity.**

You send redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the Lord endures forever.**

Second Reading Mark 1:29-39

Sermon “Kingdom Healing”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #792 “There is a Balm in Gilead”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – Choral Anthem

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

Prayer of Dedication

 Affirmation of Faith (unison) 20th Century South African Creed

 **Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good.**

 **We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.**

 **One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.**

 **True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.**

 **This is our faith.**

 **This is our hope.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

Commissioning of the Mentors for the 2024 Confirmation Class

 **Sentences of Scripture Ephesians 4:1-6**

 Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit,

 **Just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

 \*Hymn #314 “Christ Be Our Light”

Charge and Blessing

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** – **Jan. 29-Feb.4**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Card Games, 1-4pm 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

**Next Sunday**

 Annual Congregational Meeting

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

**SWEETHEART BREAKFAST FEBRUARY** 11 8:15 to 9:30am.

Please join us for fellowship and spreading the love for Valentines week.  Sweetheart includes anyone with love in their heart to share.  Donation requested but not required.

**Lenten Soup-Supper and Weekly Study**

Please join us on February 14th , Ash Wednesday, as we begin the Season of Lent. Beginning at 6pm we will meet in fellowship hall for

a soup supper. At 7pm Pastor Merideth will hold an “Imposition of Ashes “service. All are welcome.

On Wednesday February 21st  through March 20th (Possibly the 27th) we will continue our 6pm soup supper.  At 6:45 Pastor Merideth will lead us in study and discussion from the book “Season of the Chosen. If you can’t make it for soup feel free to come at 6:45 for the study. There will be a soup, bread and finger food dessert sigh-up sheet on the I Can do Board in Fellowship Hall.

**Coming in February:**

Bible Study Wednesday mornings at 10:00 - "Journeys with Jesus" Reverend Nancy Asbury will lead us through a close look at the parables Jesus taught during the week before his betrayal and arrest. Begins February 7!

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on February 4th after worship. We will present the budget and will have the election of new officers. Please make every effort to attend. An email with the Congregational Report will be sent out before the meeting.

**Super Bowl Sunday Hoagie Sale**

The Deacons are having a fundraising hoagie sale on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th after worship. You may also preorder and pay that day. To pre order, contact Sharon Beck at 908-752-3822.