**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship Service** 9:30AM

**Session (Elders)**

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| **Building and Grounds** | **Mission and Outreach** |
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| Bill Penyak 908-625-6575 | Kathy Skerbetz 908-720-6533 |
| Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884 |  |
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**Board of Deacons**

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| **Benevolence** | **Shut-ins and Long-Term illness** |
| Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884 |  |
| **Short-Term illness** | **Bereavement** |
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**Church Staff**

**Pastor** pastormerideth@gmail.com

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**Music Director**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**January 29, 2023**

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

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission -Per Capita Part 2

The Per Capita Song by Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let Israel say, "God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the house of Aaron say, "God’s steadfast love endures forever”.**

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say, "God’s steadfast love endures forever."

**People: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

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

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we are not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we**

 **have failed to do.**

**We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.** (silent prayer…)

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri #582 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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

First Scripture Reading Micah 6:6-8

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon "Rules for a Life Lived Loving God"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

**\***Affirmation of Faith (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,**

**praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our**

**Lord.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #175 “Seek Ye First”

Charge and Blessing

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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. 30-Feb.5**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Program, 11:15am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

 Bible Study, 11am Memorial Parlor

 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

**Book Club**

The next book club meeting will be on Monday February 6th at 1pm.

The book they are reading a discussing is the “Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid. All are Welcome!

**Lenten Soup Supper**

6:45 pm in the Sanctuary, following a soup supper in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. Join us starting March 1 for a Lenten journey that helps us relive the one day in history that changed everything.  In this book, “*24 Hours, That Changed the World*” pastor Adam Hamilton helps us experience and understand the significance of Jesus’ passion like never before. He retraces the day that changed human history in his usual straightforward yet easy, conversational style that speaks to both long-time Christians and those who are simply curious about the story of Christ’s crucifixion. Come at 6 pm for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a video and discussion led by Pastor Merideth Mueller-Bolton.

The book is available on Amazon.com for $8.59, but you are not required to read the book on order to attend and participate in the discussion.  All are welcome.

**Per Capita**

Each year, every member of every church in every Presbytery around the country is asked to pay a Per Capita amount; the fee is charged per member on record from the prior calendar year. For 2023, the

amount is $42.50 per member. These funds are passed through from the local church to the local Presbytery. Some of the funds remain at the Presbytery while a portion is forwarded from there to the

Synod and The General Assembly, the governing bodies of The Presbyterian Church. These funds are very important to the ministry and mission work of the Presbytery. The Per Capita amount is an annual expense of the church.

The Finance Committee humbly asks that you prayerfully consider making a contribution over and above your annual pledge amount or weekly offerings to help cover the overall Per Capital charge to FPC. When paying, please write “Per Capita 2023” in the memo section of your check or on the outside of an offering envelope.

**Bible Study**

Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome, and no prior bible study experience in necessary. Come, and let’s explore and enjoy God’s Word together.