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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**June 2, 2024 - Communion Sunday**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Moment of Appreciation

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

**People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

**People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to experience the abundance of God’s grace.

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

 **Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. 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**

First Scripture Reading Mark 16:15-20

Second Scripture Reading Acts 4:1-20

Sermon “Mission Driven”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #531 “Seed, Scattered and Sown”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – Choir “You Are My Hiding Place”

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

Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith – (from the Belhar confession) (unison)

 **We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning**

 **of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family, and that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church. We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.**

**The LORD’s Supper**

 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.**

 **Communion of the People**

 *We share a common loaf and a common cup. Come forward via the aisle on the right. The pastor will tear a piece of bread from the loaf. Dip it in the cup and partake of it as you return to your seat via the aisle on the left. Please inform an usher if you need assistance or would like to be served in your seat.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #730 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

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 –-June 3-9**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Lunch & Learn, 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 Ed News**

During the summer 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!

**VBS**

Sign up now for Vacation Bible School – ***Hero Hotline*** - June 17-21, 9am-11:30am at the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church. $10.00 per child, max $30.00 per family. Preschool to rising 5th graders welcome.

Volunteers needed. Contact Kathy Skerbetz for questions or to volunteer. 908-720-6533.

**Senior Program**

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for the Senior yoga, lunch and a program. Chair Yoga starts at 11:15am , lunch and short program or craft at 12pm.

This Tuesday join us for a Mindful Meditation program from

Yoga-Loka. All are welcome!

**Save the Date**

The church picnic will be held on Sunday June 23rd, at the church after worship. That day will also be Youth Day, and Confirmation Sunday. Hope you can join us.