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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**June 4, 2023 – Communion Sunday**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (based on John 3:16-17)

For God so loved the world that God gave God’s only Child,

**So that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

**But in order that the world might be saved through him.**

God loved the world, God loves the world,

**May the truth of this great love story, shine through our worship today, and renew our sense of calling.**

 Friends, let us worship God!

\*Hymn #15 vs. 1-3,6 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of hosts, we have turned away from you neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made, taking from Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life. Restore us, and let your face shine upon us. Amen.**

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 Romans 8:18-28

Responsive Reading (from Psalm 104)

Bless the LORD, O my soul. You make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind; the winds are your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

**You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.**

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth; wine to gladden the human heart, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

**In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coneys. O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Second Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-15, 20-26, 29-31

Sermon "All Things New"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #22 “God of the Sparrow”

Invitation to the Offering

\*Offertory

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

 **Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;**

 **the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

Sung Sanctus #552 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*1 Holy, holy, holy Lord, 2 Blessed is he who comes*

*God of power and might, in the name of the Lord.*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest*

*Hosanna in the highest. hosanna in the highest.*

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 #543 “O Christ, Surround Me”

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 – June 5th-11th**

**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**

 Alanon Meeting 12-1pm

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

**Next Sunday**

 Church Picnic after worship

**Sunday Liturgist’s Needed**

We are in need for a Sunday liturgist on June 18th. Please consider signing up to a part of worship. See Pastor Merideth if interested.

**Worship and Church Picnic**

The annual church picnic will be held next Sunday June 11th **at the church** after worship. Please note that is different than previously planned. It will not be at the Alexandria Park. Meats and beverages will be supplied. Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

**Per Capita Reminder**

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 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 in the designated envelopes in the pews or in the back of the church.  Thank you!

**VBS is Coming to FPC**

Save the date for FOOD TRUCK PARTY VBS!  August 14-18th, 9:00am-11:30am at the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church. Ages preschool (must be toilet trained) through 5th grade invited. It will be combined with Milford Presbyterian and Alexandria Presbyterian Church. More info and registration to come.  Contact Kathy Skerbetz at 908-720-6533 for questions or if you would like to help.

All are welcome!

**Super Senior Group**

The Super Senior Group that meets Tuesday mornings at the church will be off for the summer. The program will resume after Labor Day.