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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**March 5, 2023**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is our keeper;

**The LORD is the shade at our right hand.**

The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.

**The LORD will keep us from all evil; God will keep our life**.

The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in

**From this time on and forevermore.**

\*Hymn #663 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

 **Unclutter our lives, Lord. We have too much, consume too much, expect too much. Grant us perspective to see this world through others’ eyes, rather than just our own. Grant us compassion so that where there is need to play our part,**

 **we do not turn aside. Grant us gratitude for what we have, our daily bread, the gift of life. Unclutter our lives, Lord. Give us space, simplicity, thankful hearts. Amen.**

Kyrie #437 – “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

***You are the Christ, giver of mercy!***

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Agnus Dei #518 – Refrain from Lamb of God (sing 2x)

***Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,***

***I love the holy lamb of God!***

***O wash me in his precious blood,***

***my Jesus Christ, the lamb of God.***

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

First Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:8, 15-16

Second Scripture Reading Psalm 50:1-15

Sermon "Pattern of Days"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #533 “In the Singing”

Invitation to the Offering

\*Offertory

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

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.**

 Sung 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,***

 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.*

 Hymn #507 “Come to the Table of Grace”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

 *Each petition ends with: “Lord in your mercy.....****Hear our prayer****.” Then a note will sound, followed by silence, where you may offer up your own petitions.*

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

\*Hymn #686 “God of Our Life”

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 –-March 6-12**

**Monday**

 Book Club, 1pm

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Program, 11:15am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 Strengthening Families Workshop, 5:30-7:30pm

 AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

 Soup Supper and Lenten Study, 6pm

 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

**Bible Study**

No Bible Study on Wednesday morning during Lent.

**Book Club**

The book club will be meeting tomorrow March 6th at 1pm. The book they will be discussing is “The Invention of Wings” by Susan Monk Kidd

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

The One Great Hour of Sharing supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all of which work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From disaster response to ongoing community

development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. The One Great Hour of Sharing is collected throughout Lent, and on Easter, April 9th.

**Lenten Soup Supper**

Every Wednesday night through Lent. 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 is a sign-up sheet on the “I Can Do That Board” in Fellowship Hall to bring soup.

**Food Pantry Giving Tree**

There is a tree in Fellowship Hall with tags on it with items we regularly need for our patrons and special seasonal/holiday items! There are also envelopes for monetary Donations - this will help cover the cost of fresh items we provide.

Please choose a tag and purchase the item for the Pantry. Items can be placed in the donation box in the rotunda or in the Barrel outside of the Pantry Envelopes with monetary donations can be placed in the basket by the tree.

**Senior Program**

Every Tuesday from 11:15-1:15pm in Fellowship Hall

This FREE program starts with a 45-minute Chair Yoga Class from 11:15-12pm, then enjoy your brown bag lunch from 12pm, and our guest speaker/craft is 12:15-1:15pm! Join in the fun!

**March 7th- Amy Carter, Nutritionist, Healthy Eating is delish!**

**March 14th- Arnold Mercer with a talk about “Why Trees?”**

**March 21st- Kim Seppelt- Healthy Fruit parfaits!**

**March 28th- Kim Seppelt- SNAP- Healthy Eating!**

**April 25th- Kim Seppelt- SNAP- Healthy Eating!**

**May 16th- Alexandra Grenci from Rutgers with Mindful Eating**