**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship 9:30AM**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**May 14, 2023**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (Based on Matthew 23:37)

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings,

**God desires to gather us together.**

Gather us, O God.

**We are here to worship and sing your praise**

\*Hymn #664 “Morning Has Broken”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, we turn to You seeking Your mercy. You call us to focus on you, but we focus on ourselves instead. You call us to be humble, but we gloat in our pride. You call us to abandon ourselves, but we cling to our achievements. Forgive us for our boasting and bragging. Help us to pull focus from ourselves and to remember that our true worth comes from you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

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

Time for Children

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

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 9:23-24

Choral Anthem “Hear Us, O Father” by Don Besi

Second Scripture Reading Psalm 131

Sermon "Pride and Humility"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #791 “For You My God, I Wait”

Invitation to the Offering

\*Offertory

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Reception of New Members

Jennifer Ege, Matt Melbourn, and Melissa Melbourn

\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed (in unison)

**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 sits at 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.**

Welcoming Hymn #306 vs.1 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #306 vs. 2-5 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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 – May 15-21**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Program, 11:15am

 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**

 Monthly Breakfast, 8:15am

 Opera Concert, 3pm

**Trenton Thunder Baseball Game**

Join us on July 29th for a Trenton Thunder Baseball Game and Fireworks Compliments of the Deacons.
Trenton Thunder will take on The Williamsport Crosscutters. Game time 6:30pm with fireworks after the game. Please sign up on the list in Fellowship Hall, with how many are coming.
Tickets will be handed out at church the Sunday before the game.
There are 50 tickets reserved, so first come first served.
It’s a fun night out!! So, sign up early to make sure you get a ticket.

**Opera Project Concert**

The Opera Project Presents a "Concert of Remembrance" a performance of arias, duets and art songs.  Sunday May 21st at 3pm in the sanctuary.  Light refreshments will be served.

**Save the Date**

Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic following the service, June 11th at the Alexandria Park.

**Senior Program and Yoga**

Run by Harvest Family Success Center, every Tuesday in Fellowship Hall. Yoga starts at 11:15am, then brown bag lunch and either a program, game or craft. All are invited!

**Card Games**

Tuesday afternoon starting at 2pm, come play some cards. If you don’t know how to play we will teach you. Lots of fun, laughs and snacks. Come join us!