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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**May 19, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

**People: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

**People: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

**People: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God’s presence and love in everything we say and do.**

\*Hymn #280 “Come, O Spirit Dwell Among Us”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ’s church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

 Swahili: Amani ya Krismasi

 Romanian: Pacea lui Hristos

 French: Paix du Christ

 Norwegian: Fred av Kristus

 German: Frieden von Christ

 Japanese: Kirisuto no Heian

 Chinese: Hépíng de jīdū

 Italian: Pace di Christ0

 Spanish: Paz de Cristo

 Zulu: Ukuthula kukaKristu

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 Genesis 11:1-9

Second Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

Sermon “Someone’s Listening”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #693 “Though I May Speak”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith – (from Phil. 2:5–11) (unison)

 **Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Benediction Response: Hymn#288

 ***Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me***

 ***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

 ***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

 ***Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.***

 ***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me*.**

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 –-May 20-26**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Lunch and Learn, 11:15am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

 AA Meeting 7:30pm

 Bible Study, 10am

**Thursday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

**Friday**

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 Pantry Clean Up Aid Brigade, 10am-12pm

 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!

**Food Pantry Fundraiser**

The Food Pantry Committee is asking for help for the
Clean Up Aid Brigade. Come join us on Sat May 25th from 10 – 12pm (rain date Sunday after church) We will meet at the church and get our safety vests, gloves and garbage bags and then car pool to Kappus Road to clean up the trash along the road.  Alexandria Township will be giving the food pantry money for our clean up. Please call Kathy Kovacs 908 403-3255 to sign up.
Many hands make light work!!!!

**Bible Study**

Bible Study: Wednesday morning study continues to meet at 10 am in the choir room. Come join us for our final session on May 22 when we will dig into the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Hope to see you there!

**Pentecost Offering**

Pentecost celebrates the renewal of the relationship between God and the community of faith. The PC(USA) Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. When donating, please write in the memo of your check that it is for Pentecost Offering. Thank you.