**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**May 29, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (from Ezekiel 37:5, 6, 9)

This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones:

**I will make breath enter you and you will come to life.**

I will attach tendons to you

**And make flesh come upon you**

And cover you with skin.

**I will put breath in you,**

And you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.

**Come, breath from the four winds, and breathe.**

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

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

 **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 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 Acts 2:1-8

Second Scripture Reading Acts 2:12-21

Sermon "Wildfire"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn # 286 “Breath on Me, Breath of God”

Invitation to the Offering

\*Offertory #288 “Spirit of the Living God” (3x)

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith (from the Iona Community)

 **We believe in God above us,**

**Maker and Sustainer of all life,**

**of sun and moon,**

**of water and earth,**

**of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,**

**Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,**

**Born of a woman, servant of the poor,**

**tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.**

**He descended into the earth**

**to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**to be everywhere present,**

**and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,**

**The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,**

**life-giving Breath of the church,**

**Spirit of healing and forgiveness,**

**Source of resurrection and of eternal life. 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

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 29th – June 4th**

**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

**Church Office Closed**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday May29th in observance of Memorial Day.

**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.

**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Memorial Plot**

Seven years ago, our church received a gift of a double plot of land in the Frenchtown Cemetery. This church “Memorial Plot” has been created as a beautiful place for those who wish to have their ashes buried beside those of others from the church and from the community. Our church Cemetery Committee has developed procedures to arrange for the placement of ashes in the “Memorial Plot”. On June 4th, the Cemetery Committee will give a presentation about the church “Memorial Plot” during worship. There will also be a display and printed information available in Fellowship Hall on that day. The Cemetery Committee hopes that you will take the opportunity to learn about how you can make this beautiful spot your final place of rest.