**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**May 21, 2023**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Sing to God.

**Sing praises to God’s name.**

Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

**Sing praises to the Lord.**

Come, let us worship God!

\*Hymn #667 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us, so we continue to gaze**

 **heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move going! Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.**

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 Psalm 90:1-6, 10, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

**You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

**So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.**

 Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands-- O prosper the work of our hands!**

Choral Anthem Psalm 1 by Hugh Sung

Second Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Sermon "Numbering Our Days"

**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 (from A Declaration of Faith)

 **We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #250 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

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 22-28**

**Today**

 Opera Project, 3pm

**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

**Opera Project Concert**

The Opera Project Presents a "Concert of Remembrance" a performance of arias, duets and art songs. Today at 3pm in the sanctuary. There is a 20.00 fee to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

**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.

**Book Club**

The Book club will be meeting on June 12th, 1pm at Jimmy’s Ice Cream, weather permitting. The book they are reading and discussing is “The Secret Life of Bees” by Susan Monk Kidd.

**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.