**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship 9:30AM**

**Clerk of Session**

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Maureen Breiner Bill Penyak

Shari Bethman Bjellquist Matt Melbourne

Jennifer Campbell Tonya Reese

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**November 10, 2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Leader: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.** Leader: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

\*Hymn #612 “We Praise You, O God”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

 **God, who has promised eternal life to all, we come before you as humble people. You have given us many opportunities to serve, but we often turn away. We think of ourselves**

 **before we think of others. So often, we take paths that lead away from you, not toward you. In your mercy, forgive us. We need you, God! Be with us on our journey. Help us to**

 **grow closer to you and to reach out to those in need. Through God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

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 Psalm 146

Scripture Lesson Mark 12:38-44

Message

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #711 “Lord of All Good”

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music – “A Thanksgiving Prayer”

Offertory Please consider donating online using our QR code (aim your phone’s camera here, then click on the link that appears):

Doxology # 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith - From a Brief Confession of Faith

 **In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

 **We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and**

 **neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.**

 **In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church**

 **and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

 **In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

 **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

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 –November 11-17**

**Monday**

 Book Club, 1pm

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 Strengthening Families Program run by Harvest Success Center,

 5:30-7:30pm

 AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

 AA Meeting 7:30pm

**Thursday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

**Friday**

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

**Sunday School Help**

If you would like to help out in Sunday School, please sign up to help cover a Sunday school class on dates that Tonya cannot be there or for a date that she would like to attend worship. A lesson will be prepared for you unless you would prefer to come up with your own.

Contact Tonya at 908-310-9240 or call the church office for the signup genius information. Thank you!

**Book club**

The book club will be meeting tomorrow November 11th at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. The book they are reading and discussing is "The Woman Who Wrote in Silk" by Kelli Estes. All are welcome!

**Blood Drive**

FPC is hosting a Red Cross blood drive next Wednesday November 20th, 1-6pm in Fellowship Hall. Go to RedCrossblood.org and enter FrenchtownPresby to schedule an appointment.

**5th Saturday Community Event – Roller Skating**

5th Saturday Event…Family Skate Day. November 30th, 10-12pm.

this is a free event, but registration is required so we know how many to expect. Contact Jen at 908-502-2575. Invite friends!

**Vocal Recital at FPC**

Sunday November 24th at 1pm, come hear the amazing music of Madalina Danila on piano and Andreia Lucaciu mexxo-Soprano, and Julia Kuzmina on the viola. Concert is free with a suggested donation of $20.00.