**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**November 19, 2023**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we belong to God

**People:** **We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise

**People: Give thanks to God; bless God’s holy name.**

 Leader: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**People: God’s faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #367 “Come Ye thankful People Come”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

 **Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us.**

**Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your**

**love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

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

Minute for Mission – Hugh Sung

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

Scripture Reading Psalm 89:1-9, 11-16

*Hymn #399 Refrain: God welcomes all,*

 *strangers and friends;*

 *God's love is strong*

 *and it never ends.*

Scripture Reading Luke 12:16-21, 32-34

Sermon “On My Honor”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #336 “We Gather Together”

Invitation to the Offering

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

Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

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

 **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 slave, 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.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Benediction Response #750 “Goodness is Stronger than Evil”

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** –**Nov. 20-26**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Program, 11:15am

 Card Games, 1-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

 Bible Study, 11am in Memorial Parlor

 Blood Drive, 1-6pm

 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**

 Creation Care Team Meeting after worship

 Opera Project Concert, 2pm

**THE HARVEST CONCERT**

Singers from the Boyer College of Music and the Temple

University Opera Theater join the talented members of The Opera

Project to present its annual Harvest Concert of arias, duets, and art

songs on Sunday, November 26 th at 3 PM at the Frenchtown

Presbyterian Church. This concert is a benefit concert with all proceeds going to the Church to support their ongoing community programs. Tickets are $20 and are available at the door.

**Parents Night out at FPC**

Enjoy and night out on us. Saturday December 9th from 6-8:30pm

There will be crafts, movies, games, snack, pizza and….
Santa. Please RSVP by Dec. 6 to Jen at 908-502-2575.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, TODAY, 4-6pm.

**All are Welcome!**

**Church Directory**

The new Church Directory is online and available!  Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

and follow the instructions to login for the first time.

**Poinsettia Orders**

Now taking orders for Poinsettias. Flowers are $8.50 Red or White. Orders are due by December 10th. Order forms are available at the back of the church.

**Christmas Cantata**

Join Sunday December 10th at 2pm for a musical celebration of the Christmas story by Lloyd Larson, “A New and Glorious Morn!.” This is a fun cantata that tells the Christmas story through music featuring favorite carols and some original music. Help with donations of finger food snacks for after the Cantata would be

appreciated!  Thank you!