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**Worship Service** 9:30AM

**Session (Elders)**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**November 20, 2022**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: We declare that God is worthy of our reverence and we worship God based on truth:

**People: The truth of who God is;**

Leader: The truth of who we are;

**People: The truth of what God does.**

Leader: And the truth of what is going on in our world.

**People: May our attitudes, actions, and words declare that God is worthy of our praise.**

\*Hymn #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, there are times when we would rather not call on you or seek your attention because we prefer to live an undisciplined life. We would rather go our own way and avoid the training you insist on giving us. We like to be easy-going, slack in our discipline, haphazard in our prayers, spiritually out of condition. Forgive such denial of our responsibilities as your children, so unlike your true and perfect Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #582 “Glory to God”

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

Scripture Ephesians 5:15-20

Choral Anthem “Gloria”

Scripture John 4:19-26

Sermon "In Spirit and In Truth"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #396 vs. 1,2,4 “Brethren We Have Met to Worship”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology – Hymn #606

\* Prayer of Dedication

**\***Affirmation of Faith (unison) (from a “Brief Statement of Faith”)

**In life and 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. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel**

**from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Liturgy of Healing and the Lord’s Prayer

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life,

and might have it more abundantly.

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed

a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering

wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress

soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance

and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death,

and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,

in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

**You have declared your power among the peoples.**

**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 21-27**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

AA Meeting 6:30am

Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

AA Meeting 7:30pm

**Thursday**

AA Meeting 6:30am

Chancellor choir rehearsal 7:30-9pm.

**Friday**

Alanon Meeting 12-1pm

**Saturday**

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

AA Meeting 7pm

**Opera Project Concert**

Today at 3 PM, The Opera Project will present its final concert of the season, The Harvest Concert. As part of that church’s ongoing concert series, the concert of arias, duets, and art songs will feature Janggon Kim, Amy Suznovich, Michelle DeCoste, Kira Scharf, Andreia Lucaciu, Grace Herron, Ernest Torres, Janki Namboodiripad, Wes Aber, Aodan Peacock, Susan Meyers, and Susan Rheingans.

New works by local composers Rick Tocce and Richard McIntyre

will highlight the afternoon of a wide variety of musical styles. Celtic

harpist Carol Thompson will once again be a special guest artist. The

concert is dedicated to the memory of Wayne Scharf.

Tickets are available at the door. If you have any questions, please

contact Walt MacNicoll at 908-268-1264, or visit the website

www.theoperaproject.us .

**Snacks for the Concert**

We are looking for donations of any kind of finger food snacks for after the concert today. Please contact Gayla if you have any questions

**Card Games**

Come play some cards! Tuesday’s from 2-4pm at the church.

All are welcome even if you don’t know how to play. We will teach you.

Come join in the fun!

**Book Club**

Book club will be meeting on Monday December 5th at 1pm at the church. They will be reading and discussing two books. “*Eternal”* by Lisa Scottolina and “*3 Sisters”* by Heather Morris. All are Welcome.

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**Angel Tree**

FPC Community Pantry will be sponsoring an Angel Tree to provide holiday gifts for the children and grandchildren of our pantry patrons.

The Angel Tree will be up in Fellowship Hall starting on Sunday November 27th with tags for each child and their wish lists. Gifts are due by December 16th. There will also be tags for special holiday items the pantry would like to have available for our patrons.

**Poinsettia Orders**

It’s time to order Poinsettia’s for the Christmas Season. Red or White plants available for $9.00 per plant. Placed in memory of, in honor of, or to the Glory of God. Orders due by December 11th. Additional order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Call the church office if you have any questions.

**Would you like to be a Sunday Liturgist?**

The word liturgy in Greek combines two words: laos, meaning people, and ergon meaning work. The parts of worship led by the people and for the people are called the liturgy. Along with the pastor, liturgists lead worship. This might include announcements, calling the congregation to worship, reading a scripture passage, leading the Affirmation of Faith, introducing the offering, and leading prayers. A variety of voices leading our Sunday worship adds richness and texture! Please consider signing up for a Sunday, or two, or three! See Bill Penyak or Pastor Merideth if interested

**Save these Dates**

Parent night out December 10th – more info will be coming on this.

Christmas Cookie Exchange, December 11th after worship

Blood Drive, December 15th, 2-7pm,

Christmas Cantata, December 18th, 1pm

With you, Lord, is the well of life

**And in your light do we see light.**

Hear us, Lord of life:

**Heal us, and make us whole. Amen.**

Sung Prayer #851 “Come, Bring Your Burdens to God”

Come, bring your burdens to God;

come, bring your burdens to God;

come, bring your burdens to God,

for Jesus will never say no.

God Sends Us Out to Reflect God’s Love

\*Hymn #641 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

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Thanksgiving Prayer

"For food in a world where many walk in hunger; For faith in a world where many walk in fear; For friends in a world where

many walk alone; We give you thanks, O Lord."

– Author Unknown