**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

Gayla Gerhardt Carl Stokes

Ed Marston Kathy Skerbetz

Diane Reed

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 13, 2024 - Communion Sunday**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship Almighty God.

**People: Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.** Leader: Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

**People: Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.**

Leader: Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

**People: Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia.**

\*Hymn #63 “The Lord is God”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

 **Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace. Today may we be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today may we be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Let us come before you and learn your ways. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. 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 Luke 10:38-42

Scripture Lesson Mark 10:17-31

Message

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Invitation to the Offering

Choir - God Is So Good, arr. By John Cates, Jr.

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

 **We believe that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.**

 **We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The LORD’s Supper

 The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion of the People

 *We will celebrate the feast with the broken bread and the common cup. Come forward to one of the stations. Take a piece of bread from the basket. Dip it in the cup and partake as you return to*

 *your seat. Please inform an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn #547 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

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 –October 14-20th**

**Monday**

**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

 Hoagie making at the church, 10am

 AA Meeting 7pm

**Sunday**

 Hoagie order pickup 9-12pm

 Park clean-up fundraiser for the pantry

**Painting at the Manse**

We need your help! There is a signup genius to sign up for a shift or two or any amount of time you can give on a Saturday to help paint. For those who would like to help but are unable to make a Saturday but have some time during the week to help please contact Bill Penyak at 908-625-6575. Thank you!

**Deacon Fundraiser - Hoagie Sale**

The deacons are having a hoagie sale. Orders will be taken during the week of October 14th, call or text Sharon Beck 908-752-3822 or Ken Gerhardt at 908-310-1884, or sign up on the “I Can Do Board” in Fellowship Hall. We are selling Italian Hoagies and Turkey Hoagies $9.00 each.

Please get your order in ASAP so we know how to plan. The deacons will be assembling on Saturday Oct 19th at 10:00 AM If you are free to help. Pick up is on Sunday the 20th from 9am-12pm. Thank you for your support!

**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 onya 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!

**Park Clean Up Fundraiser for the Pantry**

Sunday Oct. 20th - 11:00 AM (after church) We are asking for volunteers to meet us at Alexandria Park to pick up garbage from the Alexandria Township Trick or Trunk Party the night before.

Garbage bags will be provided to fill and help make the park nice and clean.  The township will be making a contribution to the Food Pantry for our efforts. Please call or text Kathy Kovacs to sign up – 908- 403-3255.