**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship Service** 9:30AM

**Session (Elders)**

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**Board of Deacons**

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| **Benevolence** | **Shut-ins and Long-Term illness** |
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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 16, 2022**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (Psalm 9)

Leader: We call to God and say, “Come to us even now O Lord of Life;

**People: Fill this place with your presence!**

Leader: We praise your name and rejoice in your love,

**People: We stand in utter amazement of who you are!**

Leader: Everyone who calls upon the name of God will find fulfillment.

**People: They will rejoice forever.**

Opening Prayer

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. Amen

\*Hymn #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us "

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

 **Lord God, the Good News of your love is destined to be known by all. You have made us to be a light to shine in the darkness and have commanded us to go out tell the world of your love. But we fall short. We neglect to share the Good**

 **News with friends, families, neighbors, or the stranger on the street much less with people from other nations. We have kept the good news to ourselves. Forgive us and help us to be bold witnesses for you and beacons of your everlasting light. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #582 “Glory to God”

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

Scripture Ephesians 2:17-22

Choral Anthem “Just One Simple Prayer”

Scripture John 10:1-16

Sermon "Outside the Sheepfold"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #274 vs1,4 “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology – Hymn #606

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison) (from Ephesians 3)

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family**

**in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us**

**with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

 Liturgy of Healing

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

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

\*Hymn #802 vss. 1,2,6 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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\*please stand if able

**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 10-16**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Community Yoga and Lunch 11:15am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 AA Meeting, 8pm

 Session Meeting, 7pm

**Wednesday**

 AA Meeting 7:30pm

**Thursday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Chancellor choir rehearsal 7:30-9pm.

 Food Pantry Meeting, 5:30pm

**Friday**

 Alanon Meeting 12-1pm

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

**Thanksgiving Dinner donations for the Food Pantry**

We are now accepting donations for Thanksgiving dinner boxes.  Items needed are stuffing mix, instant potato, canned corn, green beans, sweet potato, cranberry sauce, applesauce, fruit cocktail or other fruit, gravy(jars, cans or packets)corn muffin mix, biscuit mix, cream of chicken, or mushroom soup, pumpkin pie mix, pie crust, evaporated milk, cooking oil, cake or brownie mix, crispy onions and holiday napkins.

There will be designated boxes for the Thanksgiving dinner donations.  Thank you for the continue help!

Chris Liberatore is alert and the family is encouraging visitors. He has no speech yet but can respond by moving his right hand and arm. He is at KINDRED LTAC 400 West Blackwell Street, Dover, NJ 07801

973-537-3818.

**Christmas Cantata**

Rehearsals will be on Sundays from 11:00 - 12:00 at Frenchtown Presbyterian Church with our performance on Sunday December 18th at 1:00 p.m. New to singing or not sure about your musical ability? No worries - we have pre-made sing along tracks to help you learn the music- the more the merrier! If you are interested or have any questions, you can reach out to Josh Wilson directly via his email: pianomanjosh117@gmail.com or by phone at 610-393-8670.

**Parent Pit Stop**

The Trick or Treat Parent Pit stop will take place on Halloween October 31st.  To help support this great community event we are asking for donations of candy.  If you are able to donate, please leave donations labeled and in the church kitchen.   Thank you,

**Book Club**

The book Club will be not be meeting in November but will meet on December 5th at 1pm in the church.  The book they are reading and discussing is “*3 Sisters*” by Heather Morris and "*Eternal*" by Lisa Scottolina.  All are welcome!