**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship Services**

9:30AM

**Session (Elders)**

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| **Building and Grounds** | **Mission and Outreach** |
| Paul Pfisterer 267-884-6198 | Maureen Breiner 908-235-8431 |
| John Fiebig 908-996-6436 | Jennifer Campbell 908-502-2575 |
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|  | Bill Penyak 908-625-6575Jennifer Griffith 908-625-2943  |
| **Personnel** | **Clerk of Session** |
| Bill Penyak 908-625-6575 | Kathy Skerbetz 908-720-6533 |
| Eugene Hill 908-285-1040 |  |
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**Board of Deacons**

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| **Benevolence** | **Shut-ins and Long-Term illness** |
| Debbie Godown 908-619-3300Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884 | Deborah Fiebig 908-303-6704 |
| **Short-Term illness** | **Bereavement** |
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| Carole Barrett 908-419-7082 |  |
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| **Hospitality** |  |
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| Sharon Beck 908-752-3822 |  |
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**Church Staff**

**Pastor** **Youth Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 2, 2022**

**World Communion Sunday**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (from Psalm 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and shine God’s light upon us;

**People: That God’s way may be known upon earth, God’s saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

Leader: For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: The earth has yielded its increase; our God, has blessed us.**

Leader: May God continue to bless us;

**People: Let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.**

Prayer of Praise (unison)

**O Redeemer God, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn #401 "Here in This Place"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

 **God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes it is hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another’s burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give of ourselves willingly and joyfully. Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Psalter Hymn #592 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

Scripture Genesis 18:1-5

Scripture Hebrew 13:1-2

Choral Anthem “Taste and See”

Scripture Luke 24:13-35

Message "The Stranger"

Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son**

**Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic**

**Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**God Calls Us to Respond**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer

Gifts of the People

 Offertory

 \*Doxology – Hymn #606

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation to the Table

 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

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

 **thanks and praise.** Prayer continues….

Words of Institution

Sharing the bread and cup

Communion Prayer

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

\*Closing Hymn #526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction “We Gather Here”

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 3-9**

**Monday**

 Book Club, 1pm at the church

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Senior Community Yoga and Lunch 11:15am at Alexandria Park

 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

 Community Campfire, 6pm-8pm

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

**Sunday School**

Hey Kids, we are looking for you to join in the fun on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. We learn about Jesus, enjoy a snack, and make a craft each week. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Tonya Reese at tonya.reese@hotmail.com or 908-310-9240.

**Youth Group**

Anyone in 6th - 12th grade is invited to participate in youth group. We will be participating in monthly events. If interested send Tonya your email address or phone number to add you to a group list to receive information. tonya.reese@hotmail.com or 908-310-9240.

**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.

**Book Club**

The book Club will be meeting Monday October 3rd at 1pm in the church. The book they are reading and discussing is “*Astrid and Veronika*” by Linda Olsson. All are welcome!

**Bagel Help in the Morning**

Due to the deacon rotation of their terms we are now very short of Deacons to help with the bagel Pick Up, Set Up, and Clean Up.

If you are able to help, sign up on the Bagel Sign Up Sheet, on the “I Can Do That” board in Fellowship Hall. The Bagels are to be picked up on Sunday Morning around 8:30 AM, at Bridge Street (Goldberg’s) Bagels in Milford. Bring them to church and set up. Thank you. Contact Ken for questions 908-310-1884

**Senior Lunch and Learn Program**

Every Tuesday from 11:15-1:15pm at the Alexandria Park

This FREE program starts with a 45-minute Chair Yoga Class from 11:15-12pm, then enjoy your brown bag lunch from 12pm, and our guest speaker or craft is 12:15-1:15pm! Come to some of the program or all of the program

**Schedule:**

9/27 Alexis from Catholic Charities- “Self-Care Program” This program will provide examples on how we can practice self-care each day.

10/4- Sarah Brenly with Dr. Phillip Glassner from Hunterdon Medical Center- bone health, knee, and hip replacements, how to stay healthy!

10/11- Kim Sepelt from NJ SNAP-ED- Healthy Eating

10/18- Lori MacWilliam from Gebhardt & Kiefer Legal- Estate planning, trusts, wills and more!

10/25- Kim Sepelt from NJ SNAP-ED- Eating Healthy!

11/1- Lacy Phelps from Edward Jones- setting up your finances for peace of mind

Questions? Call Penni @908-237-0465.