**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship 9:30AM**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 20, 2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**People: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

\*Hymn #624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

 **Merciful and gentle God, how often we have wanted reward without sacrifice.**

 **Many times, we have been unwilling to serve. And we find it difficult to humble ourselves in obedience. Forgive our selfishness, gracious God. Correct our arrogant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Psalm 91:9-16

Scripture Lesson Mark 10:35-45

Message

**God Calls Us to Respond**

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

Invitation to the Offering

Choir

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

 **I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

 **I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God’s crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

 **I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him**

 **into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

 **I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ’s people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road toward the “promised land” of God’s future. Because Christ has called me, in this I truly believe. 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 #767 “Together We Serve”

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 21-27th**

**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

 AA Meeting 7pm

**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 Tonya 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**

TODAY - 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 make a contribution to the Food Pantry for our efforts. Please call or text Kathy Kovacs to sign up – 908- 403-3255.

**Halloween Pit Stop**

Halloween is fast approaching and so is the Annual Halloween Pit Stop!  We are collecting candy to give out at the pit stop.  Any donations would be greatly appreciated. All candy can be dropped off and labeled in the church kitchen.  Thank you!

**Blood Drive**

FPC is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday November 20th, 1-6pm in Fellowship Hall. Go to RedCrossblood.org and enter FrenchtownPresby to schedule an appointment.

**Save the date – Roller Skating**

5th Saturday Event…Family Skate Day. November 30th, 10-12pm.
this is a free event, but registration is required so we know how many to expect. Contact Jen at 908-502-2575. Invite friends!