**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship Service** 9:30AM

**Session (Elders)**

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| **Building and Grounds** | **Mission and Outreach** |
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| Bill Penyak 908-625-6575 | Kathy Skerbetz 908-720-6533 |
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**Board of Deacons**

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| **Benevolence** | **Shut-ins and Long-Term illness** |
| Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884 |  |
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| **Hospitality** |  |
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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 23 2022**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (from Psalm 84)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! **People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars.

**People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**People: For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

\*Hymn #366 vs 1,2,4 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #582 “Glory to God”

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

Scripture Philippians 4:8-9

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon "Reformed and Always Reforming"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #695 “Change My Heart, O God”

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

Leader: God of Mercy…..

**People: Hear our Prayers.**

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

\*Hymn #821 “My Life Flows On”

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

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 24-30**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

AA Meeting 6:30am

Senior Community Yoga and Lunch 11:15am

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

**Next Sunday**

Reformation Sunday

**Thanksgiving Dinner donations for the Food Pantry**

The food Pantry is now accepting donations for Thanksgiving dinner boxes to hand out to our patrons.  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.  Also, please keep us in mind for your free holiday item if you qualify from Shop Rite. Thank you for your help!

**October 30 Reformation Sunday & Kirkin O’ the Tartans**

As Presbyterians with our roots in Scotland, we have a colorful cloud of witnesses hovering over us. Some of them are likely still arrayed in bright tartans of every color and plaid.

Tartans have a rich history that originate with the pagan clans of Scotland, dating back to the third century AD. In the sixth century, when St. Columba converted the Scottish tribes to Christianity, a new tradition around the ancient tartans emerged; at a special worship service every year, clansfolk dressed in their finest tartans and rededicated themselves to God and to each other. The service became known as the Kirkin' o' the Tartans.

In honor of our Scottish ancestors in the faith you are invited to wear plaid on October 30, Reformation Sunday. We will be drawing from the Celtic tradition in our liturgy and hymns. Please join us!

**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!