**Frenchtown Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship Service** 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 908-625-6575  Jennifer Griffith 908-625-2943 |
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| Bill Penyak 908-625-6575 | Kathy Skerbetz 908-720-6533 |
| Dave Griffith 908-693-0405  Bernard Volski 908-797-9807 |  |
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**Board of Deacons**

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| **Benevolence** | **Shut-ins and Long-Term illness** |
| Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884 |  |
| **Short-Term illness** | **Bereavement** |
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| Carole Barrett 908-419-7082 | 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**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 30, 2022**

**Reformation Sunday**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)

Leader: Jesus says, ‘I am the Way for you.’

**People: And so we come to follow Christ.**

Leader: Jesus says, ‘I am the Truth for you.’

**People: And so we come to dwell in the light.**

Leader: Jesus says, ‘I am the Life for you.’

**People: And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.**

\*Hymn #100 vs 1,2,4 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks. But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.** (silent prayer…)

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #582 “Glory to God”

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

Scripture Ephesians 2:19-22

Scripture Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Sermon "Kirkin O’ the Frenchtowners"

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #702 “Christ Be Beside Me”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology – Hymn #606

\*Offertory Prayer

**\***Affirmation of Faith (unison) (from the Iona Community)

**We believe in God whose love is the source of all life**

**and the desire of our lives,**

**whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,**

**whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,**

**and whose love, defeating even death,**

**is our glorious promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,**

**in God we trust.**

**And so, in the name of Jesus Christ,**

**we commit ourselves to seek justice and to live in peace,**

**to care for the earth,**

**and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness,**

**to live in the freedom of forgiveness,**

**and by the power of the spirit of love,**

**and as the company of the faithful,**

**to be the Church for the glory of God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us

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

\*Hymn #326 vs. 1,3,5 “For All the Saints”

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction #698 “Take O Take Me as I Am”

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 31-November 6**

**Monday**

Halloween Pit Stop

**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**

Praise Band in Worship

**Daylight Savings**

Next Sunday Daylight Savings time ends. Don’t forget change your clocks.

**Today’s Service - 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.

**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,

**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!

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Join us Sunday November 13th for our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 3:30-5:30pm.