**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 908-625-6575 | 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 | Deborah Fiebig 908-303-6704 |
| **Short-Term illness** | **Bereavement** |
| Eileen Warkala 908-574-9366 |  |
| 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**

**Pastor** **pastormerideth@gmail.com**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 9, 2022**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (Psalm 104:1-3,5, 24, 35)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**People: O God, how majestic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!**

Leader: You wear light like a robe; You open the skies like a curtain.

**People: You make the clouds your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind. You set the earth on its foundations so that it shall never be shaken.**

Leader: Lord, you have done so many things! You have made the earth overflow in wonder.

**People: We praise you, with every bit of ourselves! Praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Lord of life and giver of every good gift. Apart from your leading we have no direction. Without your grace, we have no strength. Separated from your love, we have no hope. Open our hearts to the touch of your hand and grant us the joy of your face shining upon us. O God, be in our midst this morning. Receive our worship and praise and let the renewing power of your Holy Spirit call us to new and glorious living! Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*Hymn #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

 **God of all grace, you have given us commandments to live by and we have received them, but we have not kept them wholly. We have resisted, not wanting to know fully what you expect of us. We have not loved as fully as you love. Forgive our incomplete obedience, our resistance to surrender, and our half-hearted love. We seek your mercy and counsel through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Psalter Hymn #592 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

Scripture Revelation 2:1-5

Choral Anthem

Scripture Ephesian 1:17-23

Message "Mission Unstoppable"

Affirmation of Faith (unison) (from the Belhar confession)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family, and that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church. We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.**

**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

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

\*Closing Hymn #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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 10-16**

**Monday**

**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

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

 **Next Sunday**

 Monthly Breakfast

**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.

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 them in church kitchen.  Please label all donations for the Pit Stop.  Thank you,

**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