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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**September 22, 2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**People: God’s ways are just and merciful.**

Leader: Those who follow God’s ways are continually nourished in faith.

**People: In all that they do, they prosper.**

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God’s compassionate love.

**People: Let us celebrate God’s mercy and justice.**

\*Hymn #450 “Be Thou My Vison”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, we turn to You seeking Your mercy. You call us to focus on you, but we focus on ourselves instead. You call us to be humble, but we gloat in our pride. You call us to abandon ourselves, but we cling to our achievements. Forgive us for our boasting and bragging. Help us to pull focus from ourselves and to remember that our true worth comes from you. In the name of Jesus we pray, 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 Philippians 4:4-9

Scripture Lesson John 14:15-21

Sermon “Truth and Love”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #543 “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

Invitation to the Offering

Choir anthem: “Lord of All, Most Holy” by Hal H. Hopson

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

Reception of New Members:

 Krista and Doug Wallner, Amy and Will Kapp

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s 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 dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at 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.**

\*Hymn# 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds v. 1 (slide)

 *Blest be the tie that binds*

 *our hearts in Christian love.*

 *The fellowship of kindred minds*

 *is like to that above.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

 Each petition ends: God, in your mercy…Hear our prayer.

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

\*Hymn #442 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

Charge and Blessing

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 –September 23-29**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 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

**Next Sunday**

 Pot Luck Luncheon for Merideth

**Pot Luck Luncheon**

Pastor Merideth's last day preaching with us, will be on September 29th.  Join us after worship to wish her well and thank her for all she's done at FPC, by sending her off with a potluck luncheon.  Sign up to bring a dish to share on the sign-up sheet on the "I Can Do that Board" in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a basket for cards and well wishes in Fellowship Hall.

**Creation Care Team Collection**

We care for God’s creation! One way we can all care for God’s creation is by recycling. The Creation Care Team has placed a box in the rotunda to collect recycling. You may put batteries

(rechargeable or lithium-ion), ink cartridges, cables, phones, or other small electronic items in the box. These items will be taken to Staples for recycling.

**Stop and Shop Bloomin 4 Good Program**

For each specially marked $10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased during September at the Stop and Shop store on 334 State Route 31, in Flemington, Stop & Shop will donate $1 to Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Food Pantry! Surprise someone special with a bouquet of flowers.

**Deacon Fundraiser - Hoagie Sale**

The deacons will be having an Italian hoagie sale. Orders will be taken during the week of October 14th, and picked up on Sunday the 10th from 9am-12pm. More info coming soon.