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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**September 8, 2024**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission – Capital Campaign

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, open our hearts this morning to receive your eternal Word.

**People: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

Leader: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**People: Lord, help us to work for you.**

Leader: Lord, make us ready to serve.

**People: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.**

\*Hymn #401 “Here in this Place”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. 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.*

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

First Scripture Reading Mark 1:9-13

Scripture Lesson Exodus 13:21-22, 33:12-14 Sermon “Through the Silence, Something Gleams”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Invitation to the Offering

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 – 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.**

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 share a common loaf and a common cup. Come forward via the aisle on the right. The pastor will tear a piece of bread from the loaf. Dip it in the cup and partake of it as you return to your seat via the aisle on the left. Please inform an usher if you need assistance or 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 #260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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 9-15**

**Monday**

 Book club, 1pm at Jimmy’s

**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

**Sign up to be a Liturgist**

We have added new dates through December. Please contact the church office or Gayla to sign up.

**Stop and Shop Bloomin 4 Good Program**

On September 1st, Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Food Pantry starts benefiting from the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program at

The store on 334 State Route 31, Flemington NJ.

For each specially marked $10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased during September, Stop & Shop will donate $1 to Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Food Pantry! Surprise someone special with a bouquet of flowers.

**Book Club**

The Book Club will be meeting on Monday September 9th at 1pm at Jimmy's Ice Cream, weather permitting.  They will be discussing 2 books, "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave, and "One Summer" by David Baldacci.  All are welcome!