



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF BRISTOL

Service for the Lord's Day

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**Please rise in spirit or body*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

Taste and See

Hymn 520

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

There is no greater love than this:

to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.

In Christ, you claim us as children, but we disobey your commands.

In Christ, you even call us friends, but we have not been faithful to you.

Forgive us, God of grace.

**By the power of your Spirit help us to abide in your love and share that love with others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

***RESPONSE**



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Acts 2:17, 21

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE**



We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*Children from age 4 through first grade are invited to be escorted to Kids' Kirk,
an age-appropriate worship and learning opportunity, in Room 32 of the Education Wing.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 15:9-17
Pew Bible, p. 96

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Love Lessons from the Grateful Dead

Chuck Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed
Hymnal, P. 35

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A New Commandment

Thomas Tallis

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord: that ye love together as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another. By this shall every man know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. – John 13:34

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...who forever sings to the glory of your name:

Hal H. Hopson

f Unison
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and
might, heav'n and earth are full, are full of your
mf
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
f cresc. ff
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
For the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 529

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 826

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

*POSTLUDE

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Worship Notes – Week of May 6, 2018

We welcome all visitors to our worship today! Thank you for choosing to be a part of our service. Please help us to know you better by providing your name and address in the Fellowship Register and by indicating whether you are visiting for the first time. Thank you very much!

Children and Worship: Our church nursery welcomes children from birth through age 3 during worship. It is located in the Education Wing; please ask an usher to guide you there. For children from age 4 through 1st grade, we offer Kids' Kirk, an age-appropriate worship and learning opportunity. Children are escorted from the worship service with their leaders to Room 32, where parents pick them up after worship.

ONE Worship Service will take place on Sunday, May 13, in the Sanctuary. We will be celebrating the youth members in the Confirmation Class joining with the church.

Meeting of the Corporation: for the purpose of approving the nomination for Trustee of the Corporation to fill a vacant position. The nomination is being brought by the congregation's Nominating Committee, and will take place on Sunday, May 13, immediately following the ONE Service of Worship in the Sanctuary.

Our Guest Preacher: Chuck Thompson, his wife Barb, and their three children, CJ, Sarah, and Erin, came to Bristol and First Presbyterian Church 28 years ago. Chuck is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice. He is also the Director of Counseling, an Associate Professor of Psychology, and an Adjunct Professor of Religion at King University. Chuck has written four applied theology books, a novel based on the Epistle of James, seven mystery novels set in Bristol, and two Appalachian fantasy series.

Music Notes: Today's anthem, "A New Commandment," is a setting of the scripture from the Gospel of John 13:34. The music was composed by noted English Renaissance composer Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585). Tallis served as a court musician for four English monarchs during a

Serving During Today's Worship

Ushers

Fred & Heidi Harkleroad
Ron Fox, Harrison Gilley

Music Participants

Pat Flannagan
Bob Greene
Sanctuary Choir

Locking/Unlocking

Kevin Buck

Audio

Noah Ong

turbulent time when policies regarding religion and authority were shifting. His length of service is a testimony to two things: his creative talent and his adaptability. Probably best known for his amazing 40-part motet, *Spem in Alium*, Tallis also proved himself very able at composing the smaller anthems, as today's musical selection demonstrates.

Organist's Footnotes: Today's prelude is based on Hymn 529 in *Glory to God*, "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether." This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, UNION SEMINARY, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught. James Biery (b. 1956) has arranged an interesting, quiet setting for organ, with the melody echoed in canon one beat later, and a fifth lower in pitch.

A former choir member of mine would have called today's postlude a "green and red light special," referring to the lights on the organ that warn the organist that the crescendo pedal and full organ (*sforzando*) are both engaged. Rebecca Groom te Velde's (b. 1956) arrangement of LLANFAIR is both loud and fast, as most toccatas are. But to her credit, te Velde changes her patterns almost every measure, making her arrangement more challenging for the performer and, I hope, more interesting for the listener.

Birthday Prayer Fellowship

May 6 Frances Emerson
 May 7 Allison Brooks
 May 10 Nancy Allerton, Kendall Carter, Nancy King
 May 11 Jessica Hicks, Amy Scott
 May 12 Matt Peltier

This Week at FPC

Sunday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
 9:45 a.m. Engaging Volunteers, Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Student Fellowship,
 Youth Wing

Monday, May 7

5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons, Room 123

Tuesday, May 8

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 117
 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group,
 Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Venture Crew 3, Room 165
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 3, Scout Wing

Wednesday, May 9

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. 8:30 Worship Team,
 Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
 8:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels,
 Fellowship Hall
 12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study, Room 117

Friday, May 11

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out,
 Education Building
 7:30 p.m. Appalachian Men's Ensemble,
 Sanctuary

Church Officers

<i>Elders</i>			<i>Deacons</i>		
Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Aaron Brooks	Anna L. Booher	Nancy Allerton	Adam Abel	George Linke	Blake Bassett
Randy Cook	Lee Galliher	Rebecca Beck	Nancy Butterworth	Greg Roberts	Rhonda Comer
Debbie McMillin	Pete Holler	David Hyde	David Ginn	Nate Sproles	Brenda Lawson
Stuart Parker	Han Ong	Jordan Pennington	Rett Stocstill	Bill Whisnant	Barb Thompson
Chuck Thompson	Pete Stigers	Jerry Poteat	Ann Woods	Sujean Bradley	

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