



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF BRISTOL

Service for the Lord's Day

April 29, 2018

Sunday in Easter

11:00 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**Please rise in spirit or body*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

To God Be the Glory

arr. for handbells by Cynthia Dobrinski

CHORAL INTROIT

Be Not Afraid

Hymn 243

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you.

You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude.

**Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love,
the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another;
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**

Psalm 147:2-3,5

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.


**He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.**

**Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

Because of God's great love for us through Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!

Alleluia!

***RESPONSE**



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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 22:25-31
Pew Bible, p. 500

ANTHEM

O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne

Roy Hopp

O God, we kneel before your throne to honor you whose name is known to all your family by your love on earth below and heaven above: how wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ! O Christ, we bow in faith to pray: come live within our hearts today and fill us till we overflow with love surpassing all we know. How wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ! O spirit, grace us with power so that our faith may flower. Come breathe your sacred harmony that we with your saints may see: how wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ! Now to the One who can do more than we could dream of asking for, eternal glory to our King as generations sing: How wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!

– Ephesians 3:14-21

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:26-40
Pew Bible, p. 127

SERMON

“The Breadth of God’s Love”

Dan Kreiss

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.050

**To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption,
he doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same;
making Intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word,
the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by his Spirit
to believe and obey; and governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit;
overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom,
in such manner and ways as are most consonant to his wonderful
and unsearchable dispensation.**

***HYMN 703**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer (*debt/debtors*)

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Prélude Modal"

Jean Langlais

*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!**

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 346**

For the Healing of the Nation

ST. THOMAS

***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**

"Allegro" (*Concerto No. 1 in C Major*)

Thomas Arne

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Worship Notes – Week of April 29, 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.

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.

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.

Five Cents a Meal Offering: We are collecting our quarterly Five Cents a Meal Offering today. The suggested offering is \$13.65 per person, which represents about a nickel for each meal in a three-month period. Your offering will provide hunger relief through both local and global ministries. Last year, through the Five Cents a Meal offerings, FPC received grants from the Presbytery for Haven of Rest, Bristol Emergency Food Pantry, Ethiopia, and Brazil. Please be generous!

FPC Care Shepherds: The goal of the Deacons' Care Shepherd ministry is to show Christian love and care to those of our church family who are in need. Opportunities exist to provide meals to those just home from the hospital, visit our shut-ins at home and in care facilities, and comfort those in distress. Volunteers serve one month at a time on a Care Shepherd team that ministers to the needs of the congregation for that month. Five deacons (Sujean Bradley, David Ginn,

Serving During Today's Worship

Ushers

Fred & Heidi Harkleroad
Greg & Margaret Roberts

Music Participants

Pat Flannagan, Bob Greene
Sanctuary Choir
Adult Handbell Choir

Locking/Unlocking

JB Madison

Audio

Kevin Buck

Brenda Lawson, Barb Thompson, and Ann Woods) will each coordinate a team. We are humbly seeking volunteers to serve in the remaining months of the year and in 2019. Please pick up a volunteer sign-up sheet during one of the worship services this week. Thank you!

Our Guest Preacher: Dan Kreiss, Dean of the Peeke School of Mission at King University and active member of our congregation, was recently ordained by Holston Presbytery. He is currently seeking a call.

Music Notes: Our anthem, “O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne,” was inspired by a sermon on Ephesians 3:14-21 delivered by Cornelius Plantinga, senior research fellow at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and president emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary. The anthem was composed by Roy Hopp, Director of Music at Woodlawn Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI, and Adjunct Professor of Choral Music at Calvin Theological Seminary, where he directs the Seminary Choir. Hopp graduated from Calvin College with a bachelor’s in Music Education and from Michigan State University with a master’s in Choral Conducting. He has served as a Director of Music in churches in West Michigan and Colorado for the past 20 years.

Organist’s Footnotes: Today’s prelude, played by the Adult Handbell Choir, is an arrangement of “To God Be the Glory” by Cynthia Dobrinski (b. 1950). Dobrinski is a composer and arranger of handbell music with more than 175 works in print. She also works as an instructor and has conducted 350 handbell workshops and festivals internationally. Dobrinski earned her Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Christian University and her Master of Music degree in organ performance from Northwestern University. She was a Fulbright scholar and taught for 15 years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jean Langlais (1907–1991) was a prolific composer, writing 254 works with opus numbers. It was as an organist that Langlais made his name, following in the footsteps of César Franck and Charles Tournemire as *organiste titulaire* at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris in 1945, a post in which he remained until 1988. “Prélude Modal” (offertory) is the first of his 24 *Pieces for Harmonium or Organ, Op. 6* (1934–1936). Seldom seen on this side of the Atlantic, harmoniums (a kind of reed organ) were common throughout Europe, and especially in France, in the latter half of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Many composers (including Langlais) specified registration markings for the harmonium in their scores.

Thomas Augustine Arne (1710–1778) was an English composer. He wrote the patriotic song “Rule Britannia”; a version of “God Save the King,” which became the British national anthem; and the song “A-Hunting We Will Go.” Arne was a leading British theatre composer of the 18th century, working at Drury Lane and Covent Garden. He was born to a Church of England father

and a Roman Catholic mother in Covent Garden, and baptized at St Paul's, Covent Garden. His Catholicism meant that he never composed music for the Church of England, unlike most other leading English composers of his time. I find it interesting how often his name comes up in crossword puzzles!

Birthday Prayer Fellowship

- April 29 Han Ong, Chuck Preston
- April 30 Aiden Kite
- May 1 Debbie Garritson, Jane Keeter, Maxwell Mumpower
- May 2 Martin Dotterweich, Susan Zeiler
- May 3 Cecily Strang, John Vann
- May 4 Dan Gross, David Johnson, Mary Caroline Mumpower, Dave Welch

This Week at FPC

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 3

Sunday, April 29

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Town Hall, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bob Greene in Recital, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Season of Prayer, Chapel

Monday, April 30

- 5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday, May 1

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 117
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room

Wednesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 3

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study, Room 117
- 5:00 p.m. Human Resources Comm., Room 117

Saturday, May 5

- 4:30 p.m. Sharing Christ Ministry, Sixth & State Streets

Church Officers

Elders

Deacons

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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