

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*Offertory Hymn 141 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Offertory Prayer Linda Pruner

Offertory *I Will Not Be Shaken* Derun
FBC Vocal Ensemble

*The Doxology 253 OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Choral Message *Oh, the Wonder* Allen

Message Ronnie Brewer

*“Finding Jesus: In the Dark”
John 3:1-8*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL

*Hymn 405 *Have Faith in God*

Congregational Blessing and Benediction Ronnie Brewer

Postlude *Postlude in G Major* Zenistker

*Congregation Stands

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-8; Pew Bibles Page 1064

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

Notes:

Announcements

Deacon of the Week: Linda Pruner

- Announcing a special four-week Sunday School class for parents! On four Sundays in April, our associate pastor Ben Ondrak will lead a Sunday School class in the Chapel for parents of all ages. The dates are April 2, 9, 16, and 23. Our world has some unique twists added to age-old challenges of raising children, and this class is designed to help support parents raising children/youth in today’s world.
- **Wired Word** will not meet on Wednesday, March 22.
- Join us for our next Senior Luncheon tomorrow, March 20 at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are not required and the cost is a suggested donation of \$5.



The children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9, between 3-5 p.m. for babies thru 5th grade. Activities include: egg hunt with prizes, games, egg decorating, crafts, music, bounce houses, snacks

For the Record March 12, 2017

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| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ 8,964.00 |
| Giving This Week | \$8,994.00 |
| Giving This Week Last Year | \$5,629.00 |
| Budget Needs to Date | \$98,604.00 |
| Giving to Date | \$101,570.00 |
| Giving to Date Last Year | \$98,604.00 |
| Giving to Date vs. Budget Needs to Date | \$2,966.00 |
| Capital Campaign Total Pledged | \$246,914.00 |
| Capital Campaign- Giving to Date | \$114,206.00 |

Extended Session for March 26

Babies During Church
Linda Sprouse and Hannah Chandler
Twos-Fives
Matt and Tammy Chandler
Elementary-Aged Sunday School
Tabetha Palumbo and Emma Crussell
Elementary-Aged Children’s Church
Tabetha Palumbo and Emma Crussell

We Invite You to Join our Church

By coming forward at the invitation time following the sermon or
By indicating your desire to join in the box provided below

- I would like to become a member of this church. (The pastor will contact you and answer any questions. He will also arrange the announcement of your desire for membership in a future service.)

Ways to become a member of our church

- By profession of faith in Christ and Baptism
- By transfer of your membership from another Baptist Church
- By statement of faith in Christ and previous Baptism

Our church welcomes all who would be a part of our faith family!

Easter Hydrangeas

If you would like to place an Easter Hydrangea in the sanctuary during the Easter season, please fill in the information below. Cost of each hydrangea is \$15.

In memory of: _____ In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Calendar

Monday, March 20

Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
Board of Administration 6 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22

Menu: Beef tips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, rolls, cookies
Light Menu: Salmon w/pepper relish, couscous 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting w/Rev. Ronnie Brewer 6 p.m.
Wired Word 6 p.m.
Children's/Youth Activities 6-6:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 23

Meals on Wheels 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 26

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 22

Menu: Corned beef brisket, slaw, home-style potatoes, rolls, strawberry shortcake
Light Menu: Chicken Caesar salad 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting w/Rev. Ronnie Brewer 6 p.m.
Wired Word 6 p.m.
Children's/Youth Activities 6-6:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.

Welcome to FBC!

Thanks for joining our worship today! Please take a moment to fill out the registration form below as we value your time with us. Detach the form and place it in the offering plate when it is passed, or give it to a greeter or minister.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

This is your Date: _____

- First time to attend
 Attend often

Age Range or School Grade of Family Members (please circle):

26-32 33-42 43-54 55 & up
Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 College

- Would you like to receive more information about FBC?
 Would you like a visit from one of our ministers?

Prayer Requests: _____

Welcome

We gladly welcome you to worship, and we pray that this service will be a time in which you experience the presence of the risen Christ.



Several portable audio headsets are available for use. These FM units allow you to receive sound directly from the speaker's microphone with clarity.

Children

While children are certainly welcome to sit with their parents in the service, childcare is provided for children ages birth through kindergarten. For elementary-age children, there is a designated time for children to come to the front of the sanctuary and listen to a children's message. Then they will have the option to go with our Children's Director for "Children's Time," a program of worship/learning activities, or remain in the worship service with their family.

Also, children's activity sheets are available for all children who remain in the sanctuary. Just pick up a clipboard with the "Kids Bulletin" and pencil from the basket in the sanctuary foyer. When your child finishes the activity sheet, remove it, and return the clipboard to the foyer.

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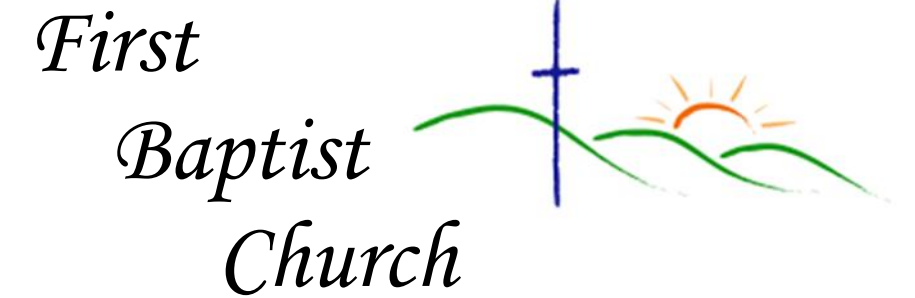
*To learn more about our church, please visit our website at:
www.fbcbristol.org*

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To contact the church office or one of the ministers via email use the following email address: office@fbcbristol.org



March 19, 2017

11 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Osterland

Welcome to Worship Tim Hiss

*Song of Welcome *O How He Loves You and Me*

*O how He loves you and me.
O how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could he give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!*

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer Tim Hiss

*Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

WE PRAISE GOD!

*Hymn 416 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Linda Pruner