

**BROWN COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP
ORDER OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY**

October 16, 2016

Celebrating Community

Greeting & Announcements Pete Bullard

If you are visiting with us today, we are especially glad you are here! Please fill out one of the visitor cards and place it in the offering plate. Also, please feel free to join us following the service for coffee and conversation.

Recognition of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

As you prepare your hearts for worship, welcome the presence of the Lord in this place.

Praising God

*Call to Worship Pete Bullard

Leader: O, Lord, how we love your commandments!

People: We meditate on them daily.

Leader: Your commandments give us wisdom to overcome life's difficulties.

People: We carry them with us daily.

Leader: Your words are sweet! Sweeter than any honey.

People: Your words fill us with understanding. Lead us in your way, for we love to do your will.

*Hymn of Praise # 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Receiving Pardon from God

*Invitation to Confession Pete Bullard

God's commands are steadfast, yet despite our efforts, we often fall short of meeting them. We are invited to confess what we cannot uphold, remembering that God's mercy and forgiveness will never fall short. Please join me in our prayer of confession:

*Prayer of Confession Congregation

Benevolent God, / we confess that we fall short of your expectations daily. / You command us to care for one another and your creation, / but we find that even this task can seem impossible to uphold. / This work is meant to glorify you, yet we often seek to glorify ourselves and others. / Guide us as we learn to walk in your ways. / Forgive us as we stumble, / and teach us to meditate on your commandments. / May we remember to love every neighbor, / care for the sick and oppressed, / and do everything to the glory of your name. / In your Son's name, we pray...

During the silence, please make your personal confession to God.

*Assurance of Pardon Pete Bullard

Give thanks to God! Through Jesus Christ we are all forgiven, and by the Holy Spirit we are given strength and wisdom to live out God's commands. **AMEN.**

Hearing God's Word

The Children's Message Molly DeWitt

Following the children's message, all children are invited to attend Sunday School. They may join our teachers at the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

First Reading Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable about a widow pleading her case before an unjust judge.

Sermon Text Jeremiah 31:27-34

The prophet announces God's plans to make a new covenant with the people of Israel.

Sermon "Covenant Community"

Responding in Faith

*Hymn of Response # 423

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

*Affirmation of Faith Congregation

Today we will recite together the Apostles Creed, found on p. 35 of the hymnal

*The Gloria Patri

581

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Moment of Reflection

Molly DeWitt

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Praying for the Church and World

Sharing of Concerns & Celebrations

Molly DeWitt

Pastoral Prayer

*On this Labor Day weekend, we offer prayers
for justice and dignity for all who work.*

The Lord's Prayer

Departing to Serve

* Closing Hymn

450

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Pastoral Charge and Blessing

Molly DeWitt

Postlude

*Please remain seated and enjoy the postlude
that Mark has prepared.*

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BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance last Sunday (Oct 9)	47*
Offering last Sunday.....	\$ 1,710.00
Weekly needs to make the budget.....	\$ 1,768.58
* including people and pets	

If you need to **contact Pastor Scott**, please feel free to do so by calling one of the following numbers: 317-931-2347 office; or 317-701-0207 cell. His e-mail is sseay@cts.edu. Molly DeWitt can be reached at (574) 727-1724 or at mdewitt@cts.edu.

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**Brown County
Presbyterian Fellowship**



Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Pastor
Molly DeWitt, Associate Pastor Intern
Jihyun Kim, Pianist
Mark DeZwaan, Organist

*Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship exists
to glorify God through its worship; to build a loving community
of faith; to nurture people into true disciples of Jesus Christ; and
to serve the needs of our community, nation, and world.*

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