

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

January 1, 2017

Celebrating Community

Greeting & Announcements

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

*Opening Prayer

Congregation

Merciful God, in Christ you have come among us and we rejoice. Yet still the world groans in hope of redemption. Open our hearts to hear you speaking today through some difficult texts. By your Spirit give us grace so that we deny neither the sufferings that remain nor the hope that you give us. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

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"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"

Receiving Pardon from God

*Invitation to Confession

Friends, let us begin this new year with unburdened hearts. Confident in the grace and mercy that God has shown us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins to Him and relish in his forgiveness...

*Prayer of Confession

Congregation

God of abundance and grace: / You know us well, better than we know ourselves. / You hear us cry "Gloria!" and "Praise!" / And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds. / You

hear us say "Thy will be done" and "use me, O God" / And you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help. / You know us, and you love us still, / and you forgive us. / Thank you. / Hear us now say, "Help us to change; turn us around, / Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful." / This we pray in Jesus' name...

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

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Please greet those worshipping around you with "The peace of Christ be with you..." "and also with you."

Hearing God's Word

The Children's Message

Pastor Scott

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

Hebrews 2:10-18

The author explains what it means that Jesus shares our humanity.

Sermon Text

Matthew 2:13-23

King Herod orders the slaughter of Bethlehem infants in an attempt to kill Jesus.

Sermon

"The Nightmare After Christmas"

Responding in Faith

*Hymn of Response

137

"He Came Down"

*Affirmation of Faith

Congregation

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

*Gloria Patri

581

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Moment of Reflection

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Praying for the Church and World

Sharing of Concerns & Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Departing to Serve

* Closing Hymn

147

“The First Nowell”

*Pastoral Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*Please remain seated and enjoy the postlude
That Ji has prepared.*

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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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