

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

January 13, 2019

Celebrating Community

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Rande Smith

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 (cf. Psalm 29:2-4)

Rande Smith

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name!

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: The God of glory thunders over the mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

People: Let us worship our glorious Lord who saves!

*Hymn of Praise

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“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Receiving Pardon from God

*Invitation to Confession¹

Rande Smith

“Repentance,” one of our confessions teaches, “is a sheer gift of God, and not a work of our strength.” Let us turn then to God, who alone awakens us to our sins, teaches us to grieve them from our hearts, and gives us power by the Holy Spirit to amend our ways...

*Prayer of Confession

The People of God

Merciful God, / in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, / making us part of the body of Christ. / We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves too much of the time, / separated from our brothers and sisters in Christ. / We cling to destructive habits, / hold grudges, / and hesitate to welcome others into our lives. / We even allow the past to hold us hostage. / In your lovingkindness, / have mercy on us and free us from our sin. / Remind us of the promises you make in baptism / so that we may rise to new life, / and empowered by the Holy Spirit, / we may live together in grace....

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

*Assurance of Pardon (cf. Romans 6:1-11)

Rande Smith

Paul tells the Christians in Rome that out of the waters of their baptism, they were raised to live a new way of life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, this life is ours, too! Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

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 Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Through the prophet, the Lord promises to restore and protect His people Israel.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:15-22

Luke describes the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.

Sermon

“Getting Out of the Way”

Responding in Faith

*Hymn of Response

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“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

¹ Second Helvetic Confession (1566), ch. 14.

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