

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

**November 5, 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 (leader only)

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise #39  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**Receiving Pardon from God**

\*Prayer of Confession The People of God

**Merciful God, / it isn't easy for us to follow the commandment to love. / We have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, / turning them away from those who need our love. / We place a test before you, / asking that you prove your love to us, / or we threaten not to believe in you. / Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. / Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. / Let us**

**dedicate our lives in your service, / always aware of your awesome love for us. / This we ask in Jesus' name...**

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

\*Assurance of Pardon

Though our hearts were hardened to the needs of others, God has touched them with His compassionate care, healing our wounds and giving courage and strength to our souls. Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice! **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 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

*The Apostle Paul describes his ministry among the people of Thessalonica.*

Second Lesson Matthew 22:34-46

*Jesus responds to a lawyer's question about the greatest commandment.*

Sermon "The Greatest Commandment"

**Responding in Faith**

\*Hymn of Response #468  
"In My Life"

\*Affirmation of Faith The People of God  
*Today we will recite together the Apostles Creed, found on p. 35 of the hymnal*

\*Gloria Patri #581

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Pastor Scott

Moment of Reflection

\*Doxology

*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.*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

**Praying for the Church and World**

Sharing of Concerns & Celebrations

Pastor Scott

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Departing to Serve**

\* Closing Hymn

#732

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

*We will sing this hymn to the tune Lyons, #41*

\*Pastoral Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*It is our custom to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.*

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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](mailto:sseay@cts.edu).

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance last Sunday (Oct 29) .....	39
Offering last Sunday (Oct 29).....	\$1,385.00
Weekly needs to make the budget.....	\$1,938.17

**Order of Worship on the Lord's Day  
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**Brown County  
Presbyterian Fellowship**

*Love* YOUR  
neighbor  
*as yourself.*  
MATTHEW 22:39

**Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Pastor**  
**Dr. 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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