

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

**December 18, 2016**

**Celebrating Community**

Greeting & Announcements Molly DeWitt

*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 Molly DeWitt

\*Hymn of Praise # 88  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**Receiving Pardon from God**

\*Invitation to Confession cf. Psalm 80:19

The God to whom we make our confession is the One who promises to be with us and to forgive us. Join me in confessing our sins, crying out with the psalmist, "Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved."

\*Prayer of Confession Congregation

**God of all generations, / your promises come to birth in surprising ways. / Forgive us for the times when we have been neglectful / and missed the signs of your presence among us. / Forgive us when we failed to trust in your ways. / Fill our hearts with courage and hope / so that we live according to your word / and love with the fullness of your grace. / In the holy name of Jesus, our coming Savior...**

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

\*Assurance of Pardon Molly DeWitt

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.*

Lighting the Advent Candle June & Cindy Wolpert

*The fourth candle in the Advent wreath represents LOVE.*

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16 Pastor Scott

*The prophet gives a sign of God's presence: the birth of a child called Emmanuel.*

Sermon Text Matthew 1:18-25

*The author of Matthew describes the birth of Jesus, the Messiah.*

Sermon "God with Us"

**Responding in Faith**

\*Hymn of Response # 145

"What Child is This?"

\*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 Molly DeWitt

Moment of Reflection

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper Pastor Scott

Hymn of Preparation # 133  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Great Thanksgiving Pastor Scott & Molly DeWitt

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Communion of God's People

*It is our custom to hold the bread and cup to partake in unison.*

**Praying for the Church and World**

Sharing of Concerns & Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Departing to Serve**

\* Closing Hymn # 134  
"Joy to the World!"

\*Pastoral Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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

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**Order of Worship on the Lord's Day  
December 18, 2016**

**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.*

# Welcome

Welcome to Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship for worship on this Lord's Day! We hope that our service this morning is a blessing in your life.

## Announcements

Our **Christmas "Hanging of the Greens"** now decorates our church bringing praise, music and glory to God as we prepare for our Savior's Birth.

This year's **BCPF Christmas Party** will be held after worship today in Fellowship Hall. Join us for food, fellowship, and gag gifts in our "dirty Santa" gift exchange.



Today we receive the annual **Christmas Joy Offering**. As one of the four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the funds go to support the Board of Pensions and the colleges and seminaries of the denomination.

Please take note! This year's **candlelight Christmas Eve Service** will be held on Saturday, December 24 at 11:00 p.m. As is our custom, it will be a service of lessons and carols. **There will be no worship service on Sunday, December 25.** Please plan your end-of-the-year giving accordingly.

The **annual congregational meeting** will be held after worship on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Included in that meeting will be the annual report, the election of church officers, and a review of the 2017 budget.

**Bob Young's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party** was a blast. Thanks to everyone who made this such a special day, especially Bob himself. The catered dinner was delicious.



Mary gave birth to Jesus in a manger  
in Bethlehem.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance last Sunday (Dec 11) .....	44
Offering last Sunday.....	\$ 1,515.00
Weekly needs to make the budget.....	\$ 1,591.26



# 2016 Christmas Poinsettias



## Donor

## In Honor or Memory of

Peter & Ginnvor Bullard	Anne Olsen
Janice Cassiday	Dale Cassiday
Sean & Anna Cassiday & family	Grandparents
Bill & Jane Chapin	
Jim and Mariann Hahn	Michael Ritchie & Allen Hahn
Romilda Hamontre	Bob Hamontre
Steve and Cathy Junken	Maurice & Eva Mathis; Dan Junken
John & Sandy Pavey	Our sons, Rod and John Greg; parents, and all family
Dolores Seay	Friends and family who have passed
Scott Seay	Ed & Gladys Tratebas; Allen & Ruth Pickard
Tim & Kathy Sparks	Our parents, Ben & Lee Sparks; Howard & Margaret Ross
Glenda Stogsdill	Robert "Buck" Stogsdill
Diane Thompson	My parents and in-laws
Leona Tilton	Daughter, Jill Barringer
David & Sharlene Wall	Rodger Jones, son
Gerhard Weber	Lynda Sereno
John Wolfarth	Our families

## Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

For today's presbytery prayer partner, **Bethlehem International House** and **Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb**, pastor. This ecumenical Christian ministry includes a guest house, conference center, and restaurant, and serves as a witness to peace in war-torn Palestine.

For Jean Honeysett's nephew, **Gary Fox** – update! He called Jean on her birthday and will eventually be able to walk with a cane by the end of his recovery.

For **Wilma Crowley**, whose broken shoulder is healing well.

For the **Dave Woods family** – he passed last Sunday evening.

For **Buzz and Sam Dryfoose** – Buzz has entered Hospice after several small strokes – comfort prayers for both.

For those with ongoing health issues: **Janice Cassiday; Kathy Cox; Melody**, a friend of Carol Hartley-Hines; Diane's sister-in-law **Carolyn; Floyd Clouse; Jean Pienta, Big Jim Brydges, Marissa Fisher, Jay Cecerman, Gary Fox, Junior Cody and Doug McGarvey.**

Ginny Fearrin celebrates that friend **Ron Martin** is doing much better after his recent hip surgery and that **husband Don** is home from the hospital after another heart scare

Sharlene Wall celebrated that she and Dave got to see her **grandson in Arkansas** and the blessing her **granddaughter** got by applying to Indiana for in-state tuition – it went from \$14,000 to \$4,000!!!

**Romilda Hammontre** thanked everyone for their prayers and cards during her recent illness

**Orv & Olivia Toler** give thanks for their safe arrival in Florida.

Pauletta Hughes celebrates her **daughter Jane** being well enough to go back to work – she will still continue her treatments.

Mary Ann Soll celebrates that her friend **Marissa Fisher** is coming home from the hospital on December 21; and that **Z from China** is coming to spend time with her and Gerhard during Christmas.

Kathy Sparks celebrates that **Mark passed his oral exams** (Mark described his passing grade as narrow, but we know better!).

Diane Thompson celebrates that her **oldest granddaughter** has been accepted as a physical therapist!