

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

December 30, 2018

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

*Call to Worship (cf. Colossians 3:12-17)

Leader: We are God's beloved people! We are called to lives of kindness, humility, and compassion.

People: God clothes us with love and binds us together in harmony.

Leader: God desires that we bear with one another in love, and forgive as Christ forgives.

People: We are God's beloved people!

Leader: Gracious God, hear our prayers and our praise today.

*Hymn of Praise # 143
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Receiving Pardon from God

*Invitation to Confession

As God's beloved people, we come to Him with the fullness of our lives: rejoicing in our successes and admitting our failures; striving to be faithful and confessing our fearfulness. Trusting in God's mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins to Him...

*Prayer of Confession

The People of God

God of all compassion, / we confess to you today that we often live in ways that reflect our desires, and not yours. / We have failed to be compassionate and kind; / we have been rash and impatient. / We have been proud, when you call us to be meek and humble. / Rather than live in gratitude for your blessings to us, / we begrudge others for what they have. / Forgive us for our distracted and careless living. / "Cast out our sin, and enter in. / Be born in us, today." / We pray in the name of Jesus, / the One whose birth we celebrate today...

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

*Assurance of Pardon

We worship the God of grace who gave us the gift of Jesus. Friends, let us know beyond doubt and accept deep in our hearts, God's forgiveness and love us. **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 Jeremiah 31:7-14

The prophet describes the joy of the people of Israel as they return from captivity in Babylon.

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52

As a young boy, Jesus is found in the Temple with the teachers, listening and asking questions.

Sermon "What Child is This?"

Responding in Faith

*Hymn of Response # 150
"As with Gladness Men of Old"

*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

Pastor Scott

Moment of Reflection

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures
here below! Praise God above ye heavenly hosts! 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.
And 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

147

“The First Nowell”

*Pastoral Charge and Blessing

Pastor Scott

Postlude

It is our custom to remain seated for the postlude.



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Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship



Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Pastor

Dr. Ji Hyun Kim, Pianist

Dr. Mark De Zwaan, 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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