

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

March 11, 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 if you would like.

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 107:1-9)

Leader Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

People Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

Leader We wandered in the desert wastelands, with nowhere to lay our heads.

People Hungry and thirsty, we cried to the Lord.

Leader Let us thank the Lord for His steadfast love and for his wonderful works to us.

People He satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good food.

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

Receiving Pardon from God

*Call to Confession

Our Lenten journey continues to lead us to the cross. But the promises of God are sure and certain: new life awaits us beyond the cross. Trusting in His promises, let us confess our faults to God...

*Prayer of Confession The People of God

God of reconciliation, / we live in a world divided. / Political views / theological perspective / positions on moral issues / and race, ethnicity, and class. / All of these things estrange us from one another. / Forgive us when we lose sight of how / through Jesus Christ / you have broken down the dividing wall of hostility between us all. / Remind us that it is by grace that we have been saved through faith / and empower us by your Holy Spirit / to live lives reconciled to one another. / In the name of the one who saves us, Jesus Christ, we pray...

Please observe a moment of silence so that all may pray privately

*Assurance of Pardon

God is rich in mercy, and His love reaches us even when we are as good as dead in our sins. Through Jesus Christ we are raised to new life. 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 John 3:16-21

Jesus finishes his discourse with Nicodemus by telling him of God's redeeming love.

Sermon Text Ephesians 2:1-10

The author describes the transformation of the faithful by God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Sermon Before and After

Responding in Faith

*Hymn of Response # 435
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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