

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

May 13, 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. 1 John 5:1-5)

Leader: Because we believe that Jesus is the Christ, we have been born of God.

People: As children of God, we are called to obey God's commands.

Leader: Our trust in God's love is our victory in a broken and fearful world.

People: Loving God, receive our prayers and our praise today.

Leader: And send us out to share Your love with the world.

*Hymn of Praise # 267
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing!"

Receiving Pardon from God

*Call to Confession

New every day is God's love for each of us, and so new every day is our opportunity to come to Him for forgiveness. Trusting in God's love, and in His longing for our healing and wholeness, let us offer to Him the truth of our lives...

*Prayer of Confession The People of God

Holy God, / we know that you created us in love, / to enjoy this world and You, / to serve your creation and your children. / And we know that we do not do your will. / With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive. / With eyes tight shut, we cannot see pain or beauty. / With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help. / We ask for your help and your power to change. / Open our hands and eyes, / and move our feet toward grace and hope and trust in You. / This we pray in Jesus' name...

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

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the good news together.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Leader: More than forgiven, a new way of life is opened to us, to love God with all we have, and to love our neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hearing God's Word

The Children's Message Rev. Mac Bellner

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 17:6-19

Jesus prays that his disciples may be unified just as He and the Father are one.

Sermon Text Psalm 1

The psalmist pronounces blessing on those who obey the law of the Lord.

Sermon
Before the Praise, the Prayer and the Lament

*Hymn of Response # 288
"Spirit of the Living God"
Sing three times

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