

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

May 7, 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

*Call to Worship (based on 2 Peter 2:19-25)

Leader: Jesus himself bore our sins on the cross.
People: Now we must live in righteousness.
Leader: Yes, because by his wounds we have been healed.
People: All of us were like sheep who had gone astray.
Leader: But now we have returned.
People: Let us worship our shepherd and the guardian of our souls.

*Hymn of Praise # 187
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Receiving Pardon from God

*Invitation to Confession (cf. Hebrews 11:1)

Faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, "is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." It is *by faith* that we are able to confess our sins before God and each other. It is *by faith* that we trust in God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession The People of God

Gracious God, / you sent Jesus to be our Good Shepherd, / our guide and our example. / Yet time and again, / we have

wandered from His flock, / exposing ourselves to the very dangers against which he so lovingly warns us. / We have ignored his example of care and concern for those around us. / We have failed to trust in him to be our guide. / Teach us again to follow wherever He leads, / listening to His voice, / and staying near to Him. / We pray for your help through the name of Jesus Christ / and through the power of the Holy Spirit...

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

*Assurance of Pardon (cf. Luke 15:4)

Scripture proclaims that all of us, like sheep, have gone astray. But thanks be to God that our Good Shepherd leaves behind the ninety-nine to seek out and save the one who is lost. Be at peace by knowing that God has forgiven you in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

The Children's Message Molly DeWitt

Following the children's message, all children are invited to attend Sunday School. They may join our teachers at the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

Gospel Lesson John 10:1-10

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd.

Sermon Text Psalm 23 Pastor Scott

The psalmist describes the Lord as our shepherd.

Sermon "Pursued by Goodness and Mercy"

Responding in Faith

*Hymn of Response # 418
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

*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

Praying for the Church and World

Sharing of Concerns & Celebrations

Molly DeWitt

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Departing to Serve

* Closing Hymn

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"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*Pastoral Charge and Blessing

Pastor Scott

Postlude

*Please remain seated and enjoy the postlude
that our musicians have prepared.*

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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. **Molly DeWitt** can be reached at (574) 727-1724 or mdewitt@cts.edu.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance last Sunday (Apr 30)	43
Offering last Sunday.....	\$ 4,849.00
Weekly needs to make the budget.....	\$ 1,938.17

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**Brown County
Presbyterian Fellowship**



Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Pastor

Molly DeWitt, Associate Pastor Intern

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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