

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

August 27, 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 (cf. Romans 12:1-8)

Leader Today we present our very bodies as living sacrifices to God.
People This is the only acceptable worship we can offer to God.
Leader We are not to conform ourselves to the world around us...
People No! We are to be transformed by the renewing power of God.
Leader Even though we are different people with different gifts to offer...
People We are the one body of Christ, the church!

*Hymn of Praise #321
"The Church's One Foundation!"

Receiving Pardon from God

*Invitation to Confession (cf. Psalm 124:8)

Along with the psalmist, we affirm, "Our help is the name of the Lord, who made heaven and the earth." Let us now confess our shortcomings and failures to the One who created us, knowing that he is always more ready to forgive than we are to confess...

*Prayer of Confession The People of God

Forgiving God, / it is so easy for us to proclaim our faith / but so hard for us to live out what we believe. / Like Peter, we say, "You are the Christ," / but we so often fail to confess that faith when it might be embarrassing or inconvenient. / We say that we love You, / but fail to love others as you have commanded us to. / Forgive us when our faith fails. / Empower us by your Spirit to live out what we proclaim. / Help us to continually offer our very lives as a sacrificial gift to you. / Only this way of life can move us beyond mere words in proclaiming our faith. / We ask for your strength and guidance to live faithfully...

Please observe a brief period of silence so that all may pray privately.

*Assurance of Pardon

The living God came to us in Jesus Christ to forgive us. The living God still comes to us in the Holy Spirit so that we may live as His disciples. This is the bedrock of our faith. **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 Isaiah 51:1-6

The prophet describes God's never-ending offer of salvation.

Sermon Text Matthew 16:13-20

Peter proclaims, "Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God," the foundation of the church.

Sermon "God's Rock"

Responding in Faith

*Hymn of Response # 735
"I Need Thee Every Hour"

*Affirmation of Faith The People of God

Today we will recite together the Apostles Creed, found on p. 35 of the hymnal

*Gloria Patri # 581

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Moment of Reflection

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Praying for the Church and World

Sharing of Concerns & Celebrations Pastor Scott

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Departing to Serve

*Closing Hymn # 694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

Tune: Es Flog ein Kleins Waldvögelein (# 393)

Pastoral Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Please remain seated and enjoy the postlude.

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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.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance last Sunday (Aug 6)	54
Offering last Sunday.....	\$ 1,571.00
Weekly needs to make the budget.....	\$ 1,938.17

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**Brown County
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**Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Pastor
Dr. 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.*

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