

Brainerd Presbyterian Church, EPC
Order of Worship for February 15, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - No. 97 (Verses 1,3,4)*

*Call to Worship *Responsive Reading No. 678*

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

**Deliver us, O God of our salvation, and gather and save us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to Thy holy name, and glory in Thy praise.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Then all the people said Amen! and praised the Lord.

**The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge
in Him.**

**Prayer of Adoration*

Prayer for Our New BPC Pastor

Thank you, Lord, for opening and preparing our hearts to receive Your Pastor.

Thank you, Lord, for sending us a humble and inspirational shepherd.

Thank you, Lord, for sending us the pastor You have chosen to lead BPC.

**Thank you, Lord, for directing the search team to have faith and “know” in our hearts
Your Divine choice for BPC. Amen.**

Statement of Faith *Apostles' Creed - No. 716*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ
His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee – No. 410 (Verses 1,2,4)*

Prayer of Praise for the People and Confession of Sin

(A moment for reflection and silent prayers of confession)

Special Music *Your Grace Still Amazes Me*

(Children ages K-3rd grade are dismissed for Children's Sermon)

Scripture: *Matthew 12:38-50 (ESV)*

Title: “Spring Cleaning: Tidying Up or Discarding and Replacing?”

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”³⁹ But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.⁴² The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.⁴³ “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.⁴⁴ Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.⁴⁵ Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers^[a] stood outside, asking to speak to him.^[b]⁴⁸ But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!”⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

- Resisting Change: “Prove It!”
- Keeping Up Appearances: “The Trouble with Normal”
- Kingdom Occupation: Makeover or Takeover?

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

**How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

**Offering*

**The Closing Prayer Song*

**Benediction*

Postlude

**Please stand as able*

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