

Brainerd Presbyterian Church, EPC
Order of Worship for February 22, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

**Praise Him! Praise Him! - No. 106 (Verses 1,3)*

*Call to Worship *Psalm 100:1-5*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.

**I Will Wait for You (Psalm 100)*

Prayer of Praise for the People and Confession of Sin

(A moment for reflection and silent prayers of confession)

Special Music *I Shall Not Want*

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

Scripture: *Matthew 13:1-9 (ESV)*
Title: "Finding Faith: Recognizing the King's Call"

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

- The Prodigal Invitation of the Gospel
- Self-Satisfied Faith: Resisting the King
- Complacent Faith: Excitement without Commitment
- Divided Faith: My Way PLUS the King's Way
- Fruitful Faith: Lifestyles of Righteousness

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Solid Rock – No. 404 (Verses 1,3,4)*

**Offering*

**The Closing Prayer Song*

**Benediction*

Postlude

**Please stand as able*

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