

Brainerd Presbyterian Church, EPC
Order of Worship
July 12, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

**Praise Him! Praise Him! - No. 106*

*Call to Worship – from Ezekial 36:26; Romans 12:2

God promises to remove our hearts of stone -

And give us hearts that are soft, open, and alive!

We come for transformation, not just tradition.

We come for renewal, not just routine.

Come, Holy Spirit – make us new.

We worship with hearts ready to change.

**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.

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

Prayer of Praise for the People and Confession of Sin

(A moment for reflection and silent prayers of confession)

Special Music To God Be the Glory

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

Scripture: *Matthew 14:1-21 (ESV)* **Title:** “A Tale of Two Kings”

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus,² and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.”³ For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,⁴ because John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”⁵ And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet.⁶ But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod,⁷ so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.”⁹ And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given.¹⁰ He sent and had John beheaded in the prison,¹¹ and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.¹² And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Fairest Lord Jesus - No. 88 (Verses 1,3,4)*

**Offering - Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary back doors, or you may give online at bpcepc.org.*

**The Closing Prayer Song*

**Benediction*

Postlude

**Please stand as able.*

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