

Brainerd Presbyterian Church, EPC
Order of Worship
September 20, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

**To God Be the Glory - No. 66*

*Call to Worship – Psalm 66:1-4 NLT; Psalm 89:15

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!

Sing about the glory of his name!

Tell the world how glorious he is.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power. Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs.”

Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

**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.

**Sweet Hour of Prayer - No. 433*

Prayer of Praise for the People and Confession of Sin

(A moment for reflection and silent prayers of confession)

Special Music My Savior’s Love

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

Scripture: *Matthew 16:1-12 (ESV)*

Title: “What d’va know?!”

And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ² He answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ ³ And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. ⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” So he left them and departed. ⁵ When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. ⁶ Jesus said to them, “Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” ⁷ And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.” ⁸ But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? ⁹ Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? ¹⁰ Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? ¹¹ How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” ¹² Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Outline:

- The Symptom
- The Disease
- The Solution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Blessed Assurance - No. 345*

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

**The Doxology - No. 625*

**Benediction*

Postlude

**Please stand as able.*

Rev. Dan Gilchrist, Guest Pastor / Oliva Jo, Guest Accompanist

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