

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

March 29, 2026

90 Years ANNIVERSARY

*Remembering with Gratitude,
Moving Forward in Faith*

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 3

One Service @ 10:30

All Church Picture

Church Family Meal

Palm Sunday

Healing What's Within
The Wounded Healer
2026 Lenten Series

2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | Donna Chapin | Farra Wilson | Gena Smith
Jane Howard | Jan Stone | Jeff Ward | John Krahnert | Kara Vonderkall
Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg | Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison
Ruth Burgin | Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (Y)

Rev. John Hage—senior pastor

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin—associate pastor for congregational care and connection

Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families

Erin Pollock—director of youth and their families

Amy Shortt—director of music ministries

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM

Livestream | 11:10 AM



Gathering

Please pass the Friendship Pad down each pew and back again after signing. If you are visiting, please provide your email address or phone number as we would love to connect with you. Please write legibly.

Prelude *Sonata VIII Movements II and IV* A. Corelli
Tim Altman, trumpet | Amy Shortt, piano

Ritual of Friendship The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

News of the Church Alive

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

Today we remember the day Jesus entered Jerusalem. The crowds gathered, waving branches and shouting with hope. They welcomed a king who came not with power or armies, but with humility and compassion. Jesus comes riding a donkey, drawing near to a wounded and waiting world.

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

He comes not to rule with force, but to carry our burdens and share in our suffering. He comes as the one who knows rejection, pain, and loss.

Hosanna! The light of Christ enters our lives and our world.

So let us welcome the One who meets us in our brokenness, who carries our wounds and brings healing.

Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God.

Confessing

+Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus
The Children's Choir

African American Spiritual, arr. Joe Cox

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care and Community*
Gracious and merciful God, on Palm Sunday we join the crowds who shouted "Hosanna!" welcoming Jesus with joy and expectation. Yet we confess that we often struggle to recognize the kind of king who comes to us. We look for power, success, and certainty, while Christ comes in humility and vulnerability. We confess that we hide our wounds and turn away from the wounds of others. We close our hearts to suffering, we rush past pain we do not understand, and we forget that Christ meets us in these very places. Forgive us, O God. Through your grace, open our eyes to see again. Heal us, renew us, and teach us to carry your compassion into the world. In the name of Christ, our wounded healer, we pray. Amen.

Kyrie 577

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy

Cantor to sing first. Congregation will sing when invited on repeat.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The passing of the peace is an element of worship which traditionally follows the assurance of pardon. Sharing a sign of peace signifies our reconciliation and peace with God and one another. You are invited to pass the peace in the manner that is most comfortable to you.

+Congregational Response

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson, 1995

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

The Proclamation of the Word

Moment with Children

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

Children age four to fifth grade may depart for Kids Worship

We have a nursery for children ages 0-3. There is also a family room for watching the service in the Parlor

Anthem

Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice?
The Children's Choir

arr. Suzanne Lord

Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 53:1-6 Matthew 21:1-11 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 670 Holy Bible, page 900
Sermon	The Wounded Healer	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Musical Meditation	<i>she danced in the rain</i> Tim Altman, trumpet Amy Shortt, piano	Cait Nishimura

Responding

According to the PCUSA Book of Order, the Affirmation of Faith is a response to the Word proclaimed that affirms our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith can be drawn from a variety of sources, including Scripture, creeds, confession, catechisms, hymns, or personal testimony.

+Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Assoc. Pastor</i>
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+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.	GREATOREX
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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.
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Invitation to the Offering	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Assoc. Pastor</i>
Offertory Anthem	<i>The Holy City</i> Matt Franks, tenor Amy Shortt, piano arr. Weatherly/Maybrick

+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH
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+Prayer of Thanksgiving	(9 AM) Kara Vonderkall (11:10 AM) Jeff Ward
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Departing

+Hymn 196	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i> Stanzas 1, 2 and 3	VALET WILL DIR GEBEN
+Benediction		
+Choral Benediction	<i>Peace</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	a Shaker Tune arr. K. Siegfried

A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

Please take a Palm as you depart and take it to the outside cross.

Announcements

Save the Date: We will celebrate Brownson's 90th Anniversary as a church family. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3 for **one** all together service at 10:30 AM, an all-church picture and family meal! More details coming soon!

2026 Habitat Apostle Build. April 10 and 11 from 8 AM to 12 PM. Habitat has requested 6 volunteers/day. Sign up at sandhillshabitat.org. For further information contact Don Power at donc6power@gmail.com.

The **Sandhills Crop Hunger Walk** will be **today** at Union Pines High-School. Check out how to register or donate at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/sandhillsnc>. Sign up to walk with the Brownson Presbyterian Church team.

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, today, 10:15 AM, Parlor- If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. John Hage and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership.

The Congregational Care Team along with Children's Ministry is excited to host a **Parents' Night Out on Friday, April 17, from 5-8PM.** Children are invited to a fun night of activities while parents can have a few hours to themselves! Childcare will be offered for children ages 6 weeks to fifth grade. To register, go to brownsonchurch.org/registration. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Elizabeth Doolin.

Note for Families- At Brownson, we believe that *to wiggle is to worship!* Children are a joyful and important part of our life together, and we welcome them fully in worship. Their presence—the sounds, movement, and energy they bring—are signs of a living, growing faith community. We invite you to relax and feel at home. If your child needs to move, make a little noise, or simply be themselves, please know they are not a distraction—they are a blessing. If your child needs a little extra space, or if you need to step out to feed or care for them, you are welcome to use the parlor, where the service is live streamed. Thank you for sharing your children with us as we worship God together.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Bob and Peggy Flygar, Hope Dugenske, Hardin Freberg.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Frank Dean, Bill Berger, Don Hiscott, Sara James Reinemann, Ryan Ciccone, John Cates.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Ellis. Given by his family.

Hospital:/Rehab. Carol Sylverstein – MRH

Christian Sympathy: Nancy McNiff on the death of her son, Jim McNiff.

Celebrations: The rose on the Baptismal Font, given by the Coleman Baby Rose Fund, is in celebration of the birth of Caroline Esther Cates, granddaughter of John and Janee Cates, born on March 24, 2026.

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

The Brownson's Men's Groups, Mom's Group and Presbyterian Women invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

Holy Week Schedule

April 2 | Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service with communion and
Confirmand Foot Washing at 7 PM

April 3 | Good Friday Service of Healing and Wholeness 12 PM

April 5 | Easter Sunday

Worship at 9 & 11:10 AM

Higher Grounds and Connect Groups at 10 AM

Sunday Morning

ADULT GROUPS

The Living Word Today— Non-partisan current events are discussed each Sunday using *The Wired Word*. Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 849 0052 9560, Passcode: 209651

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* in Conference Room B at 10 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

Donuts and Devotionals—in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin.

Music Notes

The composer of she danced in the rain, writes, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain. This phrase reminds us to be adaptable, curious, openhearted, and brave; it inspires us to find the light in the darkness and hold onto hope during challenging times. My hope is that this music finds others who are learning to dance in the rain, too."

We are grateful to Dr. Timothy Altman for sharing his talents with us this morning. Dr. Altman (Professor of Music) is in his 27th year at UNC Pembroke. He is principal trumpet of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra (20 years) and the Carolina Philharmonic (15 years). He was a U.S. Fulbright scholar in 2019 and has performed and taught all over the world (England, Mexico, Jordan [middle east], Italy, Puerto Rico, German, etc.)

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

It's Adventure Day! Those participating in the Adventure Day at Camp Monroe will be gone all afternoon – no Kids Connect at 5 PM. If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli Garbett at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group is tonight 5-7 PM in the youth suite for everyone in grades 6-12. Join us for food, fun, fellowship and faith formation! High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.