

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*

April 2, 2023



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## 2023 Session of Brownson

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom  
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**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

**John Tyson**—director of music ministries

**Austin Vernon**—director of discipleship and missions

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**Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM**

**Livestream | 11:10 AM**

## Gathering

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

Prelude	"Prelude on Ellecombe"	arr. Tracey Cooper
Ritual of Friendship	The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	
News of the Church Alive		Austin Vernon, <i>Director of Discipleship and Missions</i>

## The Praise of God

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+Call to Worship	(9 AM) Ruth Burgin (11:10 AM) Lainey & Landon Harris With crowds from ancient times we cry, <b>Hosanna! Save us!</b> O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good! <b>God's steadfast love endures forever.</b> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <b>We bless you in the house of the Lord!</b>	
+Hymn 197	"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Chris Dunn, Rob Hill, trumpet	ELLACOMBE
Musical Meditation—Kid's Music (11:10)	"Hosanna, Blessed is He!"	Stephen Gourley

## Confessing

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Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession	Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. In your name we pray. Amen.	
Kyrie 555	O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace. Cantor to sing first. Congregation on repeat.	
Assurance of Pardon		
Passing of the Peace		
Congregational Response	"We Are Forgiven" <b>We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)</b>	Hal H. Hopson, 1995

## The Proclamation of the Word

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Anthem	"Festival Sanctus"	John Leavitt
Baptism (9:00)	Mallory Anne Wood, Daughter of Casey & Erin Wood	
Hymn 482	"Baptized in Water" <b>Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.</b>	
Children's Message		Kelli Garbett, <i>Director of Children and their Families</i> children four to second grade may depart for Kids worship
Song of Illumination	<b>Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!</b>	
Scripture Lesson	John 12:1-7, 12-15 The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	Strength for the Journey	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Special Music	"And Can It Be?" The Chancel Choir	arr. Dan Forrest

## Responding

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### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Table

Rev. John Hage

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin

#### The Sanctus (Hymn 559)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

#### Mystery of Faith

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

#### 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.**

#### Words of Institution

#### Sharing of the Elements

*The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*

#### Prayer after Communion

#### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offertory

"Via Dolorosa"

Erin Pollock, soprano

Sprague & Borop

#### +Presentation of Gifts

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

(9 AM) Don Branch (11:10 AM) Dixie Parks

## Departing

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#### +Hymn 536

"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

arr. David Cherwien

Vs 1-2: All, Vs 3: Choir only, Vs 4: All

#### +Benediction

#### +Congregational Response

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

#### Postlude

"Postlude on Rathbun"

arr. David Cherwien

David Jesse, organ

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

*Please take a palm frond when leaving the sanctuary and place it on the cross outside.*

## Announcements

**Communion Elements:** All bread served at Communion today is gluten free. For certified pre-packaged gluten free elements, please see an usher in the Narthex.

**Local Missions Partner Family Promise Meet & Greet** with their Director Peggy Hendrix will take place on Sunday, April 16 from 10-11 AM during Higher Grounds.

**New Member Gathering:** If you want to learn more about our vibrant, growing church, join us on Sunday, April 23 at 10:15 AM in the Cornerstone Conference Room with Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth Doolin.

## CONNECT @ BROWNSON

### YOUTH

Happy Easter! There will be no youth group April 2 & 9. On April 16, 5-7 PM, we will start Youth Sunday planning so all youth are highly encouraged to attend! We will be preparing to lead worship at both services on Sunday, May 14.

### CHILDREN

There are no Kids evening programs this Sunday, April 2 or next Sunday, April 9. Our Kids Programs will resume on April 16 for Backwards Night – backwards hats, backwards clothes, backwards order, backwards games, and learning what Jesus teaches us about “living backwards.”

### ADULTS

**Theology on Tap**—This small group for men of the church meets on Wednesdays at Table on the Green at 6 PM.

**Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast** - This men's group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. Contact Bill Berger for more information.

**Women**—Bible study is offered through six different Circles. For information, contact Membership Leader Nancy Ahlfeld at 910.235.4646 or visit brownsonchurch.org/pw.

**The Ligon Bible Class**—This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM.

**The Living Word Today** (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 10 AM. Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

## Serving Today

**Thank you to our Greeters serving today:**

**9 AM:** Head Usher—Jim Webb, Bob & Peggy Flygar, Steve & Peggy Floyd, Jan Lindstrom, Linda Webb

**11:10 AM:** Head Usher—Frank Dean, Bill Berger, John Cates, Don & Brenda Hiscott, Sara James, Don & Joan Power

**Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God, given by the Myrick family in Celebration of Palm Sunday.

## Schedule for Holy Week

**Thursday, April 6—Maundy Thursday**  
Tenebrae Service @ 7 PM

*Join us for this powerful service in shadows with communion. We remember Christ's last supper with his disciples and through a series of dimming lights, we remember the sacrifice of Christ. Many people have called this one of the most powerful services of the year.*

**Friday, April 7—Good Friday**  
Prayer Service @ 12 PM

*On Good Friday we remember the death of our Lord Jesus on the Cross during this meaningful prayer service.*

**Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday - 9 & 11 AM**

*On Easter we invite you to join in the Hallelujah Chorus, to flower the Cross, and join us for worship!*

**And Can it Be?**

**Dan Forrest**

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain, an int'rest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me who cause His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;

'Tis mercy all. Immense and free; For, O my God it found out me

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus all in Him is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head. And clothed in righteousness divine.

Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!