

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

May 26, 2024



2024 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton
Betsy Robinson | Beverley Pellom | Bill Berger | David McNeill | David Malan | David Wood | Don Branch
Jane Howard | John Bullard | Kara Vonderkall | Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Lee Pittman
Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Morrison | Sara James | Dixon Ciccone (Y) | Arianne Monroe (Y)

Rev. John Hage—senior pastor

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

Rev. Austin Vernon—associate pastor of discipleship and missions

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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www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252

Sunday Worship | 9:00 & 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 print legibly.

Prelude "Sonata VIII Movements II and IV" A. Corelli
Amy Shortt, piano | Hannah Markun, trumpet

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

News of the Church Alive Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*

Holy, holy, holy is our God;
Heaven and earth are filled with God's glory.
The God of glory thunders;
God's voice shakes the wilderness.
Will we hear that voice saying:
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
O God, we are here, send us!
Let us worship God together.

+Hymn 594 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!" NICAEA

Confessing

Call to Confession

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

For you so loved the world, O God, that you came among us to feel our pain, amplify our joy, and bless our broken stories. For you so loved the world, O God, that you are among us still, calling us by your spirit to follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we do not listen, O God: when we forget the love that you have for us and the love we are called to share with one another. Forgive us, three-in-one God, and let your love transform our lives. Amen.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Cantor to sing first. Congregation 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

Anthem

"The Mansions of the Lord"

arr. Harlan

The Chancel Choir | Hannah Markun, trumpet

Moment with Children

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

(9:00) children age four to third grade may depart for Kids Worship. **(11:10)** children remain in worship with their families.

(9:00 & 11:10) We have a nursery for children ages 0-3. There is also a family room for watching the service in the Parlor.

Song of Illumination

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

Scripture Lesson	Philippians 1:1-11 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 1070
Sermon	“Grateful for the Past and Hopeful for Tomorrow”	Rev. Dr. David Helms, Guest Pastor
+Hymn Insert	“Higher Ground”	HIGHER GROUND

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 Apostle’s Creed Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions

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.

+Gloria “Gloria Patri” GREATOREX

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.

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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory “she danced in the rain” Cait Nishimura

Amy Shortt, piano | Hannah Markun, trumpet

The composer of this piece 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.”

+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 (9:00) Jane Howard (11:10) Don Branch

Departing

+Hymn 318 “In Christ There Is No East or West” ST. PETER

+Benediction

+Choral Response “Send Me, Jesus” THUMA MINA

**Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.
Lead me Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.
Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me Jesus; fill me Lord.**

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

Postlude “Fanfare” Daniel Burton

Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

Announcements

We welcome, Rev. Dr. David Helms to Brownson this morning. Rev. Dr. David Helms earned a BA in English/Writing from East Carolina University, completed a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as Senior Minister of First Baptist Church in Southern Pines, NC for 40 years and retired in 2023. David and his wife, Carolyn live in Southern Pines. He enjoys tennis, swimming, and reading.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance for Memorial Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, May 28.

Local Mission Meet and Greet: Stop by Higher Grounds on **Sunday, June 9, from 9:30 –11 AM** to meet Stephen Phillips, Director of Sandhills/Moore Coalition. He will share current and future Coalition activities. Their mission is to "alleviate hunger and financial strains of struggling households in Moore County."

The **Moms of All Ages and Stages Group** is having a Summer Social on **Wednesday, June 12, at 7 PM** at the Wine Cellar! We are kicking off our new book-club style format and will share the Summer and Fall schedule. Join us! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin at Elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org.

Save the date for **VBS - June 24-27**. We need volunteers and would love your help for one day or all four days! All children age 3 and potty trained—Grade 5 are welcome. Invite your friends...we would love to welcome them to VBS! Register: brownsonchurch.org/registration.

Join us for the 2024 Church Retreat - Registration for the 2024 Brownson Church Retreat is open! This year the retreat will be **September 27-29** at Camp Caraway, just an hour from Southern Pines. For the past two years, the retreat has served as a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, great food, fun activities and worship. This retreat is for ALL ages and all size families! You can register at www.brownsonchurch.org/registration. If you would like to support the retreat financially by making a donation to help keep the cost affordable for all participants, you can go to www.brownsonchurch.org/give and select Church Retreat from the dropdown menu.

Music Notes

We welcome Hannah Markun to Brownson. Hannah is a freelance trumpet player based in Greensboro, NC. She received her Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2024, studying under Dr. Garrett Klein. Her playing is described as sweet and colorful, blending seamlessly into a variety of classical and commercial styles. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us today!

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Walt Dower, Judy Johnson (The Greens at Pinehurst), Jean Wallen (The Inn at Quail Village), Lynn Gardam (MRH), Aziz Ahmad (RHC)

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Manfred Litz upon his death on May 11, 2024. There is no service planned at this time.

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Janet Mitchell upon her death on March 1, 2024. A reception will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

9:00 AM—Head Usher: Allan Beck, Logan & Ashleigh Beck, John Eddy, Dave Devendorf

11:10 AM—Head Usher: Scott Absher, Chuck Davis, Michael White, Lee Pittman, Ryan Riggan

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During both services, there is a full service nursery for kids 3 and under. Loving staff welcome your children. The nursery is located in the Education Building. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children in the 9 AM service. Parents, if your child is participating, please fill out a Brownson Kids sticker for each child, place it on them before they come to the front. Stickers are in the pews.

ADULT GROUPS

The Living Word Today—Non-partisan current events are discussed each Sunday morning using *The Wired Word* curriculum with Biblical references. Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

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

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

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

Men's Theology on Tap on Wednesday, May 29, at 6 PM at Midland Country Club's Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION

DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.

DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex

Contact Rev. Austin Vernon, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Sign up to volunteer on June 25, July 23
- Contact: Sara Conti at 937-725-3016 with any questions

FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children. Volunteers needed for providing dinners and overnight hosts.
- Dates: June 10-13, August 26-29, November 11-14
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com



SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

10 AM

In-Person & Online

June 16-September 1

9-10 AM—Adult Classes