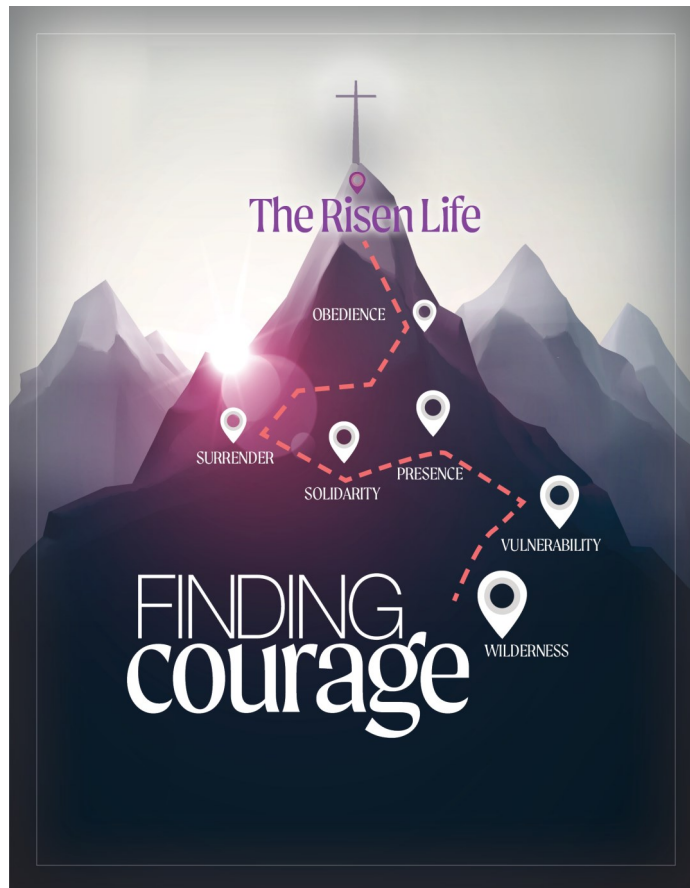


# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*



Easter Sunday—March 31, 2024

## 2024 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton  
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**Rev. John Hage**—senior pastor

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

**Rev. Austin Vernon**—associate pastor for discipleship and missions

**Kelli Garbett**—director of children and their families

**Erin Pollock**—director of youth and their families

**Matt Franks**—interim music director

**Amy Shortt**—director of music ministries

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM

Livestream | 11:10 AM

**Paschal Candle Prayer**

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

O God, through Christ your light shines in the darkness. Living God, through Jesus Christ you overcame the power of death and gave us the gift of life and light. Now on this Easter morning, fill us with the breath of your Spirit to tell the good news of the gospel that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen.

He is Risen!      **He is Risen, indeed!**  
He is Risen!      **He is Risen, indeed!**  
He is Risen!      **He is Risen, indeed!**

**+Hymn**      “Fanfare and Hymn for Easter Morning”

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply. Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!  
Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!  
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Prayer of Praise**

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

We praise you Living God: on the first day of the week, you brought to birth a new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**We praise you Risen Christ: you fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings, so we may share your liberating, life-giving power with all the world.**

We praise you Holy Spirit: you breathe truth that awakens us to see, tell and believe the good news. Glory to you, Triune God, now and forever. Amen.

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**Passing of the Peace**—The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**+Hymn**

Amy Shortt, *Director of Music Ministries*

“The Day of Resurrection”

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and list’ning to his accents, may hear so calm and plain, his own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav’ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

+Please Stand, if you are able

*Children are invited forward to the chancel steps*

**A Moment With Our Children**

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**Song of Illumination**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

**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!**

**Scripture Lesson** John 20:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Finding Courage—The Risen Life

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**+Hymn**

Amy Shortt, *Director of Music Ministries*

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

DARWALL’S 148<sup>TH</sup>

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say,  
rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heav’n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n: Lift up your heart,  
Life up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come;  
And take his servants up to their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen.

**+Affirmation of Faith**

Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

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.**

**+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**

Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*



Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing,  
For our Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. (*Refrain*)

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, Through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan, To Thy home above. (*Refrain*)

### +Charge and Benediction

*You are invited to join the choir in the choir loft while singing the Hallelujah Chorus*

**+Choral Response** "Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

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

**Postlude** "This Joyful Eastertide"  
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

Robert Lind

Please take a daisy when you depart and place it on the cross outside. If you purchased a lily in honor or in memory of someone, please take one with you today.

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Flowers donated today are In Honor or In Memory of:

#### ***In Honor of:***

- ◆ Mike Conry and our families, given by Scott & Jody Halso
- ◆ Marilyn Baxter, courageous lady, given by Carol Lamphier
- ◆ Peter & Sherry Ray, Beverley Freberg and W.A. Grammer, given by Christian & Christian Freberg and Hardin & Emerson
- ◆ Dustin, Brandee, Karis, Silas and Evan James, given by Sara James
- ◆ Marilyn Baxter, given by Stephen & Ellen Leggett
- ◆ My parents, Derrick & Robbie North, given by Angela North Zumwalt
- ◆ In honor of our grandchildren, Briana, Dot, Lily and Luci, given by Pat & Gregg Allen
- ◆ Bill Kirby, given by Virginia McLester Oliver
- ◆ Sharlia Ragan, given by Bill & Jeanie Eastman
- ◆ In honor of the Brownson Staff, given by Ellen Jordan
- ◆ In honor of Norma Henderson, given by Pat Henderson
- ◆ In honor of our children and grandchildren, given by Josephine & Bobby Vause

#### ***In Memory of:***

- ◆ Mr & Mrs. William F. McLester, given by Virginia McLester Oliver
- ◆ Marian McNeil McMillian Kirby, given by William B. Kirby
- ◆ My brothers, Robert L. McDonald and Dr. Peter McDonald, given by Sally M. Covington
- ◆ My parents, Dr. Robert & Lorraine P. McDonald, given by Sally M. Covington
- ◆ In loving memory of George Ellis, given by Amanda Picerno

#### ***In Memory of:***

- ◆ In loving memory of Bob Everett, given by Barbara Eldredge-Everett
- ◆ Our parents, Russell & Mary Hill and Robert & Bonnie Clearley, given by Tom & Beth Hill
- ◆ My Grandparents, given by Cara Herring
- ◆ In loving memory of Tom Marsh, given by Libby Marsh and family
- ◆ William S. Smith, given by Cynthia Smith Strohm
- ◆ Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Buckman, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carl Vause and our loving grandparents, given by Josephine & Bobby Vause
- ◆ Jean Conry, given by Scott & Jody Halso
- ◆ Don Freberg, Sarah & Paul Ray and Beverly Pritchard, given by Christian & Christian Freberg and Hardin & Emerson
- ◆ Helen & W.E. Parham and Harriet & Alex Howard, given by Jane & Paul Whit Howard
- ◆ My husband, Curtis and daughter, Paula, given by Byna Batson
- ◆ Eddie, given by Sara James
- ◆ Our parents—Mr. & Mrs. Tom McPherson, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. William Simmons, Jr., given by Tom & Kathy McPherson
- ◆ Susan Good, given by E. G. Good and Stephen Good
- ◆ Nancy Weant, given by the Brownson Prayer Ministry
- ◆ My dear son, Todd, given by Sandy Hemingway
- ◆ In loving memory of my husband, Jack, given by Paula Zellers

### **In Memory of:**

- ◆ Our parents and loved ones, given by Tom & Claire Nacca
- ◆ Walter Woodcock, given by Clara Woodcock
- ◆ Faye Riddle, given by Calvin Riddle
- ◆ In memory of our parents, given by John & Cynthia Strickland
- ◆ Herbert & Jane Wade, given by Wendy Ganse
- ◆ Dr. David H. Bruton, given by Clem, Kamron and Arianne Monroe
- ◆ In loving memory of George Ellis, given by Jean Ellis
- ◆ Bonnie McGowan, given by Nancy & Tom Reams
- ◆ MarJeanne Harling, given by Bob Harling
- ◆ Ray & Betty Killian and Tom & Lois Edgerton, given by Art & Ann Edgerton
- ◆ Frances Jaques and Bill Berg, Jr., given by Mandy Berg
- ◆ John & Frances McCrimmon, given by Warren & Sandra McCrimmon
- ◆ Jimmy Fisher, given by Jim & Karen Fisher
- ◆ In loving memory of Joseph E. Currie, Jr., given by Nancy Currie and children: Karen, Amy and David
- ◆ Andrew Pandich and Jack Hilgers, given by Holly & John Pandich
- ◆ My parents, Ted & Lenida Cobean, given by Bonnie Cobean Hanly
- ◆ Patricia Eckert Cates Quinn, given by Laura, Chris, Charlotte, Emily and Reeves Cates
- ◆ In memory of our father, Stuart Kilpatrick, given by the Kilpatrick and DiMarco families



Today we are thrilled to welcome Amy Shortt as our Director of Music Ministries! Amy comes to us with vast experience in sacred music and conducting and we can't wait for you all to meet her!

She will be offering an educational opportunity on Sunday mornings, April 14 & 21 entitled *The Reasons We Sing* in Fellowship Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. She will unpack the what, why and how of the music we make, as we discover the importance of music in worship and the role each individual person has to play.

We are excited for you all to get to know Amy and hope you will join her.

If you want to sing in the choir, she can be contacted via email at [music@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:music@brownsonchurch.org).



There are no evening programs for kids and youth tonight.

There will be no Kid's Worship during the 9 AM service today. All kids ages 4 and older are invited to stay in worship with their families to celebrate Jesus' resurrection! Activities to keep their little hands busy will be available in the narthex for both services.

Nursery will still be available for ages 0-3 and the service will also be broadcast in the Parlor.

#### **How to connect with Brownson Kids (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade):**

Kids Worship during the 9 AM Sunday service for all kids

Connect Class for all kids at 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings

Kids Connect 5-6:45 PM for all elementary aged kids Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer! This is a joy-filled time that we look forward to every summer and this year we're going scuba diving and learning about Jesus as our friend. VBS is in the mornings June 24-27 and is open to all kids ages 3 (and potty trained) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For registration information email Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

#### **Brownson Youth welcomes you!**

If you are in grades 6-12, you are invited to be a part of Brownson Youth. Youth group is Sundays from 5-7 PM in the youth suite. Join us for dinner, games, Bible lessons, discussion, fun and fellowship!

For more information, please contact Erin Pollock, Director of Youth and their Families: [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org)



## Brownson Connect Groups (Sundays at 10 AM)

**The Ligon Bible Class** – Studying *The Present Word*, join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room B. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

**The Living Word Today** (hybrid) – Weekly discussions are based on *The Wired Word* curriculum, which pairs current events with scriptural insights. Sunday mornings in Conference Room A or on Zoom! Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

**Donuts and Devotionals** – Bring your coffee and donuts to Conference Room C to study some of the most important passages in the Bible! Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

**Women of the Way** – This women’s connect group focuses on spiritual practices that encourage us to live out our faith in deeper ways. The study is on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. All women are invited to join the conversation in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 10 AM! Led by Alice Herrington.

## ADULT MID-WEEK STUDIES

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**Theology on Tap** - A Bible study for Brownson men that meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM. Join us at Midland Country Club, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

**Men’s Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast** - This group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin’ Steak or Eggs. All men of the church are welcome to join! For more information, please contact Bill Berger at [bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com](mailto:bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com).

**Presbyterian Women** — Bible study is offered through six different PW Circles. For information, contact Moderator Elaine Sills [elainemorgansills@gmail.com](mailto:elainemorgansills@gmail.com) or visit [brownsonchurch.org/pw](http://brownsonchurch.org/pw).

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There are so many ways you can serve our wider community through Brownson. If you’d like to get involved, please contact the point person for each service team or contact Rev. Austin Vernon at [discipleship@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@brownsonchurch.org).

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY APOSTLES BUILD

- Dates: April 11-13
- Location: 224 Page Cunningham Road, Aberdeen
- Time: 8 AM–1 PM
- Register online at [sandhillshabitat.volunteerhub.com](http://sandhillshabitat.volunteerhub.com)
- Contact: Don Power, [donc6power@gmail.com](mailto:donc6power@gmail.com)

### THE FOOD BANK

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

### SANDHILLS CROP HUNGER WALK

- Community-wide walk to combat food insecurity around the world
- Date: April 14
- Location: Union Pines High School
- Registration opens at 2 PM. Walk starts at 3 PM.
- Register for the walk and donate online at [crophungerwalk.org/sandhillscnc](http://crophungerwalk.org/sandhillscnc)
- Contact: Rev. Austin Vernon, [discipleship@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@brownsonchurch.org)



Our Congregational Care ministries are active in the work of caring member to member. There are so many ways to get involved in the work of caring at Brownson Church. Here are some of the ways that you can use your gifts in the work of care:

- *Delivering flowers to members through the Flower Ministry Team*
- *Visiting our homebound members through the Visitation Team*
- *Knitting or Crocheting with the Prayer Shawl Team*
- *Praying for our community with the Wednesday Prayer Team*
- *Caring for someone in need by becoming a Stephen Minister*
- *Visiting members in the hospital as a part of the Hospital Visitation Team*
- *Cooking and serving meals with Martha’s Friends*
- *Welcoming New Members with the New Member Ministry*

If you feel called to serve through any of these caring ministries, please contact Elizabeth Doolin at [elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org)

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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 or phone number as we would love to connect with you. Please print legibly.

### Announcements

#### New Member Gathering

If you are interested in learning more about our church community, join us **Sunday, April 14** at 10:15 AM at *Higher Grounds* (in the Atrium). Meet with Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, grab some coffee and a donut, and then head over to the Cornerstone Building Conference Room for a time to learn more about Brownson Church and our thriving congregation.

#### Spring Celebration

**Save the Date: Sunday, April 28** we will be having a Spring Celebration where we will celebrate:

- Confirmation Sunday
- Welcoming Amy Shortt as our new Director of Music Ministries
- Welcoming New Members in worship and during Higher Grounds
- And a Family Meal in Fellowship Hall after the 11:10 AM Service!

#### Church Office Hours

We are closed on Monday, April 1, 2024, and resume normal office hours on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

#### Serving Today

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

11:10 AM—Head Usher: Scott Absher, Michael White, Will Herring, Charles Harris, Garris Stokes, Ranse Stokes

#### Instrumental Ensemble

Justin Wheeler—Trumpet  
Miranda Smith—Trumpet  
Bobby McFarland—Trombone  
Madeline Mabe —Trombone  
Wayne Osborne—Percussion

