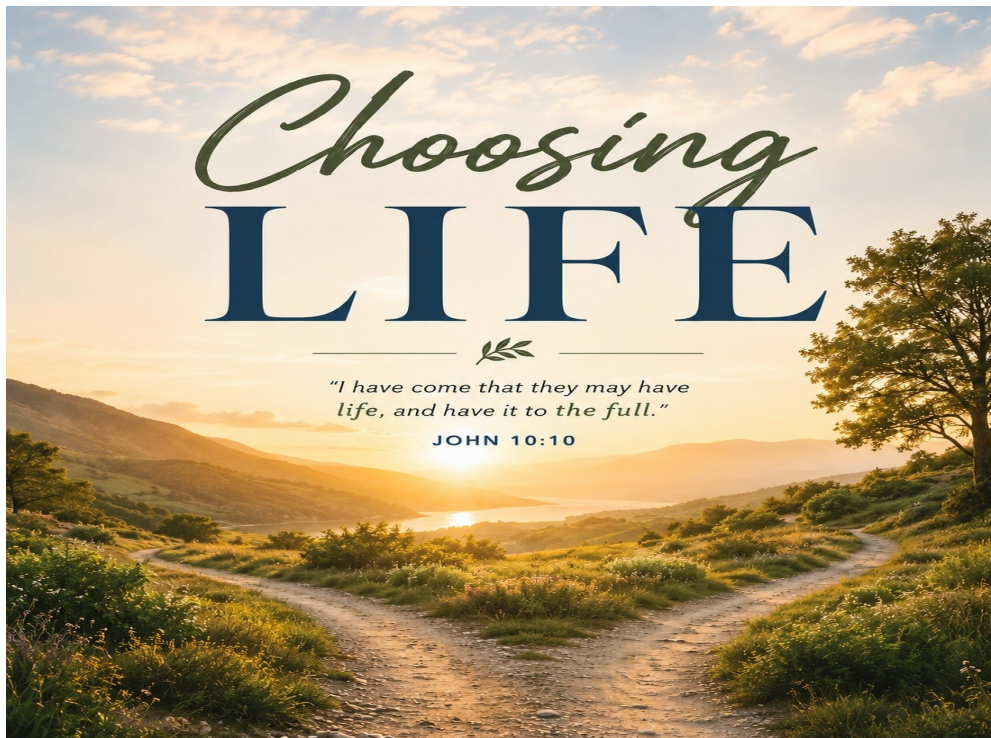


BROWNSON

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

July 19, 2026



2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
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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
Amy Shortt—director of music ministries

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 10:30 AM
Livestream | 10:30 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

*Come Unto Me*arr. Kaplan
Amy Shortt, organ

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

Come, let us lift our souls to the Lord.

For God is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon him.

Come, let us worship the One who hears our prayers and answers us in our need.

We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts and glorify God's name forever.

Jesus came that we might have life, and have it abundantly.

With grateful hearts, we choose the way of life. Let us worship God!

+Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERRAN

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we confess that too often we settle for lives shaped by fear instead of faith, by busyness instead of purpose, and by worry instead of trust. We allow distractions to divide our hearts and keep us from fully following you. Forgive us when we choose what diminishes life rather than what nurtures it. Renew us through your mercy, unite our hearts in your love, and teach us to walk in your truth. Through Jesus Christ, who came so that we might have life in abundance, hear our prayer. Amen.

Kyrie



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

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

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.

Song of Illumination 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,**And all these things shall be added unto you.****Allelu, alleluia!**

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 86:1–13

Holy Bible, page 532

John 10:10

Holy Bible, page 979

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Choosing Life	Rev. John Hage <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 157	<i>I Dance in the Morning</i>	LORD OF THE DANCE
	Stanza 1 – ALL Stanza 2 – Balcony Stanza 3 – ALL Stanza 4 – Lower Level	
	Stanza 5 - ALL ALL JOIN ON EACH REFRAIN	

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	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
	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	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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.
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Invitation to the Offering	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
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+Offertory Anthem	<i>We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light</i>	SIYAHUMBA
	The Brownson Summer Choir Wesley Little, percussion	

+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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	Alex Bowness
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Departing

+Hymn 182	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i>	KINGSFOLD
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+Benediction

+Congregational Response 80	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	THE TREES OF THE FIELD
Choir:	You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth before you; There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands;	
Congregation:	And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; The trees of the field will clap their hands; *(clap, clap) The trees of the field will clap their hands; *(clap, clap) While you go out with joy.	
	* See music note on the back of the Bulletin.	

Postlude	Amy Shortt, organ
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A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

Announcements

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- wiggles, movement, noise, and simply being the children they were created to be. We invite you to relax and feel at home as it's a joy to worship God together!

Summer Giving - As you travel this summer, please consider continuing your giving while you are away. We tend to see a decline in giving, while our expenses remain the same. You can do this through our website: brownsonchurch.org/give and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



Sunday, August 2—The American tradition of **Kirkin' of the Tartans** was initiated by Rev. Peter Marshall at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. During WWII. Rev. Marshall was a Scot and used the Kirkin' to raise funds for the British war effort. The St. Andrew's Society of Washington D.C. conducted the Kirkin' which is now held annually at the National Cathedral. Thanks to the St. Andrew's Society of NC for conducting this service. Presbyterian Churches across the country, including Brownson, have continued this tradition in celebration of our Scottish heritage.

Save the Date!

SEPTEMBER 13

All Together Initiative
Tell Me A Story Event and
Programmatic Year Kickoff

One service at
10:30 AM
with a church family
potluck following worship.

During the lunch,
we will gather
at the table for a
Tell Me A Story time.

*Please bring a
covered dish to share!*

During the potluck lunch, we will gather at the table for a *Tell Me A Story* time. We will have conversations about when we have seen Brownson at its best and discuss moments that reveal the church's DNA and core values. We look forward to you joining us for this special time in the All Together Initiative process.

5th Annual Church Retreat- All are invited to join us for the Brownson Church Retreat Nov. 13-15 at Caraway Conference Center. The theme for this year's retreat is **"Bind Us Together"** and will be woven through preaching, discussion, music, recreation, fellowship and creative offerings. We also welcome back Rev. Ernie Thompson as the retreat speaker. Rev. Thompson is a retired PC (USA) pastor who served congregations in Greensboro and Wilmington during his ministry. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Registration is open and can be found on the Brownson website. Any questions can be brought to Kelli Garbett or Erin Pollock.



Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 10:30 AM service, Brownson has a full service nursery for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to 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 at both services to join Kids Worship. 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 9:30 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 854-5041-3352 Passcode: 552470

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 9:30 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Higher Grounds will resume in September.

Music Notes

Everyone is invited to sing in Summer Choir during the months of June and July! Rehearsal begins in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. No prior experience necessary. All are welcome! Come and lead with us in worship. Childcare is available in the educational building starting at 9:15 AM.

Our closing response, *"You Shall Go Out with Joy,"* is based on Isaiah 55:12: *"You shall go out in joy... the trees of the field shall clap their hands."* Throughout Scripture, clapping is also a joyful expression of praise (Psalm 47:1; Psalm 98:8). As we sing, the clapping is not applause, but a simple act of worship that echoes creation's joyful response to the abundant life given in and through God.

If clapping is not your preferred way of participating, please feel free to simply sing with joy. Whether through singing, clapping, or quiet reflection, may we all leave worship carrying Christ's joy into the world.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Hope Dugenske, Hardin Freberg, Burt Ozment

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Curtis and Belle Covington. Given by brother Lane Covington and Mara Fiskin.

Hospital/Rehab: Billiegene Garner— MRH