

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

September 8, 2024



2024 Session of Brownson

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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 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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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 print legibly.

Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Margaretha de Jong
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

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 Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!
Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.
Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.
Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide. Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.
We come to worship God who alone is worthy of praise!

+Hymn 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Stanzas 1—4 and 6

Confessing

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to love and serve you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Moment with Children

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

(9 & 11:10 AM) Children age four to third grade may depart for Kids Worship.

(9 & 11:10 AM) 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 4:4-7

Holy Bible, page 1073

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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| Sermon | The Lord is Near | Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i> |
| +Hymn 177 | "I Will Come To You (You Are Mine)" | YOU ARE MINE |

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 Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*
Apostle's 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

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 "Total Praise" Richard Smallwood
The Chancel Choir

+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) Charlene Kinelski (11:10 AM) Ken Goodman

Departing

+Hymn 353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

+Benediction

+Congregational Response "Revive Us Again" REVIVE US AGAIN
**Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Revive us again.
Choir to sing first. Congregation on repeat.**

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

Postlude "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" John Barr
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

Announcements

Today — Traditional Service Hours

Worship at 9 AM & 11:10 AM. Livestream 11:10 AM
Higher Grounds and Brownson Connect Groups 10 AM

Today—Everyone is welcome to join us for the Church Barbeque following the 11:10 AM service in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10 per person (children 7 and under are free). Tickets are available at the door with cash or check.

Congregational Meeting—Sunday, September 15 immediately following the 11:10 AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Elder Class of 2027.

New Member Meet & Greet: Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 10:15 AM in the Cornerstone Building Conference Room. Meet Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin in the Atrium and then walk over to the conference room. Join us to learn more about becoming a member of our vibrant and growing church.

Local Mission Meet & Greet: Stop by Higher Grounds on Sunday, **September 15 from 9:30-11 AM** to meet Joyce Clevenger of Moore Buddies and part of C.A.R.E. Group to learn more about their missions.

The **Kirkin' of the Tartans** will be part of the service on **Sunday, September 15 at 11:10 AM**.

Presbyterian Women Gathering will be held on **Monday, September 16** in Fellowship Hall. Registration and mingling at 9:30 AM, program at 10 AM. Coffee and coffeecake will be available. The Rev. Sue Hudson will discuss Spiritual Direction. All women are welcome!

Peru Meeting – Join us on **September 22 in Conference Room A at 12:15 PM** to hear about our trip to Peru in August, the important work our partners are doing, and details for a Summer 2025 intergenerational mission trip. Lunch provided.

Music Notes

The new and exciting **Brownson Children's Choir**, open to all children grades K-5, will kick off this fall! Rehearsals begin Sept. 15 at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. Stop by the informational table in the Atrium for more information and to register your young musician **today!**

The Chancel Choir rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM in the Music Suite**. If you haven't sung in a while or have always wanted to sing in a choir, now is the time! Each person is valuable to the ensemble and that includes YOU! For more information about Brownson Church Music Ministries, contact Amy Shortt at music@brownsonchurch.org.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God given by Lolly Nazario in loving memory of her father James Hemphill and her niece Emma Hemphill, and in recognition of September as Childhood Cancer Month.

Hospital/Rehab: Justine Ostlund (MRH), Joan Power (MRH)

Christian Sympathy to Harriet McCollum upon the death of her husband, Richard McCollum II on July 26, 2024.

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

NORTH MOORE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

SHOE DRIVE—Local Missions is collecting new gym shoes, sizes kindergarten thru adult, for NMFRC for the students in North Moore County! There will be a collection box in the narthex throughout September.

BROWNSON BUDDIES VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a third-grade student at Southern Pines Elementary School? Our Brownson Buddies reading program is kicking off again on **October 7!** If you're interested in joining our team of volunteers, please contact Austin Vernon at discipleship@brownsonchurch.org or Sara Conti at sara.conti76@gmail.com. Tutoring sessions are on Mondays from 2:30-3:30 PM at Southern Pines Elementary School.

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 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.

Children's Choir—Starting 9/15, all children, K—5, are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:15 AM for choir and devotions.

Middle school youth will be invited from Higher Grounds at 10:15 AM to join Erin for connect classes in the Youth Suite.

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. Led by Don and Linda Branch.

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.

Women of the Way – Resumes September 15 at 10 AM in the Library on the 2nd Floor in the Cornerstone Building. Led by Alice Herrington.

Kids & Youth Connect

KIDS CONNECT

Excited to kick off fall programs for Grades K-5 on Sunday evenings at **5 PM in Fellowship Hall** beginning **today**. We would love for your child to join us for this time of faith formation, fun, and fellowship! For more information, contact Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Middle school Bible study starts **today at 10:15 AM**. Grab a donut, look for Erin in the Atrium and then head to the Youth Suite.

Youth Group will kickoff **today**. All youth grades 6-12 AND their parents are invited to join us **5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall**. We'll start with dinner all together, then the youth will play Olympic style games while the parents have an informational meeting to go over dates, paperwork, and more.

High school Bible study starts on **September 19 7:30-8:15 AM** at PineScone, Southern Pines. Please reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org with any questions!

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

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

PW Circle 6—Monday, September 9, at 10 AM, Conference Room B. Led by Libby Marsh

PW Circle 3—Monday, September 9, at 12 PM, Conference Room C. Led by Sandra Olbon.

PW Circle 2—Tuesday, September 10, at 10 AM, Conference Room C. Led by Linda Bryant.

PW Circle 7—Wednesday, September 11, at 10 AM, Conference Room C. Led by Sara James and Lisa Beck.

Theology on Tap on Wednesday, September 11, at 6 PM at Midland Country Club's Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

Mom's Group—Wednesday, September 11 at 7 PM in the Youth Suite. We will be studying the book of Ruth. Contact Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin for questions at elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Paula Zellers, Marjorie Heffner, Bill Zell, Chris & Kelley J. Kibler.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Pat Henry, Betsy Robinson, Alex & Susan Bowness, Anita Emery, Ginger Monroe, Janie Monroe