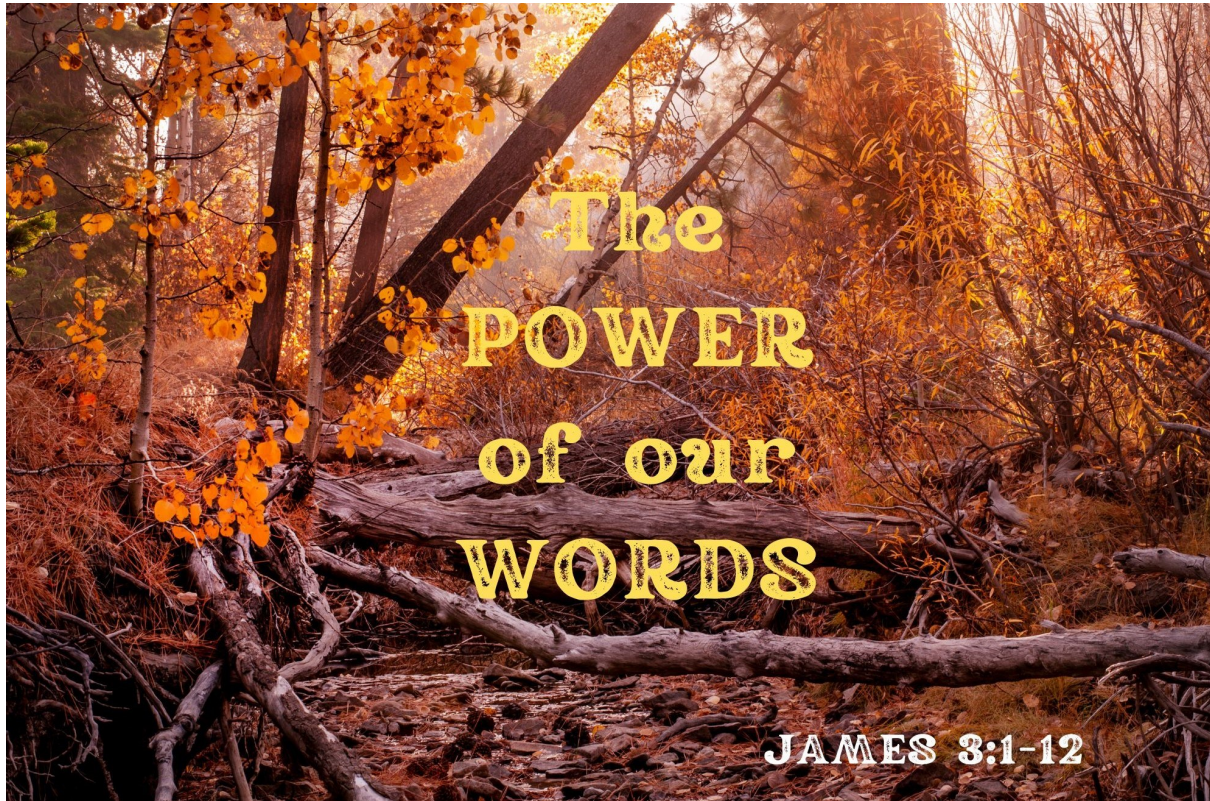


BROWNSON

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

September 15, 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

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
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 (9 AM) "Scottish Medley" arr. Sylvia Woods

Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

Kirkin' O' The Tartans (11:10 AM) "Highlands Cathedral" Air Roever and Korb (1982)

William Caudill, bagpiper | 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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Trust in the Lord, **Who made heaven and earth.**

Trust in the Lord, **Who loves every part of it.**

Trust in the Lord, **Who cares for those in need.**

Trust in the Lord, **Who leads us to do the same.**

+Hymn 702 "Christ Be Beside Me" BUNESSAN

Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, reorder and transform our lives so that they may reflect your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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 (9 AM)

"Gentle Words"

Arr. K. Siegfried

The Chancel Choir

Moment with Children

Kelli Garbett, Director of Children and their Families

(9 & 11:10 AM) Children age four to 5th 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.

Baptism (9 AM)

William Farish Minkus and Edward (Teddy) Patrick Minkus, Sons of Derek and Sarah Minkus

Hymn 482 (9 AM)

"Baptized in Water"

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.

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	James 3:1-12 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	From The Message Bible
Sermon	The Weight of Our Words	Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions</i>
+Hymn 729	"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"	I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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	Colossians 1:15-20 Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Holy Bible, page 1074
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+Gloria	"Gloria Patri" 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.	GREATOREX
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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 (9 AM)	"Skye Boat Song" Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	arr. Sylvia Woods
Offertory (11:10 AM)	"Amazing Grace" William Caudill, bagpiper Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	Traditional
+Presentation of Gifts	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH
+Prayer of Thanksgiving	(9 AM) Morgan Strickland (11:10 AM) Mollie Calhoun	

Departing

+Hymn 36	"For the Fruit of All Creation"	AR HYD Y NOS
Congregational Meeting (11:10)	A brief Congregational Meeting will be held during the service today. Please remain seated.	
+Blessings of the Tartans (11:10)	John Monroe	
+Benediction		
+Congregational Response (9 AM)	"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.	GOD BE WITH YOU
	<i>A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.</i>	
+Postlude (9 AM)	"Scotland the Brave" Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	TRADITIONAL
Recession of the Tartans (11:10)	"Scotland the Brave" William Caudill, bagpiper Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	Traditional The Rowan Tree Carolina Oliphant - Lady Nairn

Announcements

New Member Meet & Greet: Today at 10:15 AM in the Cornerstone 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 today from 9:30-11 AM to meet Caitlin Terry, Executive Director, Friend to Friend, to learn more about their mission.

Today—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 today.

Congregational Meeting will be held on **today** during the 11:10 AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the Nominations of the Elder Class of 2027.

Presbyterian Women Gathering will be held **tomorrow** in Fellowship Hall. Registration 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

We welcome Bill Caudill to Brownson. Bill Caudill is a member of the St. Andrews Society of North Carolina and has resided in the Sandhills since 1989 after graduating from St. Andrews Presbyterian College (now St. Andrews University) in Laurinburg. He later received his graduate degree in Folklore from UNC Chapel-Hill. He is Founder and Director of The Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews where he serves as historian and folklorist and also instructs the university pipe band and drum corps as well as local and regional private students in piping. He is also the founder and chairman of the Scotland County Highland Games held annually on the first weekend of October in Laurinburg. He has played the bagpipe for 48 years and currently serves as President of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association as well as being a fully-certified member of their judges' panel.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM in the Music Suite**. Contact Amy Shortt at music@brownsonchurch.org for more information.

Prayers and Praise

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Joan Power upon her death on September 11, 2024. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 11 AM at Brownson with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Russell Flahie upon his death on September 10, 2024. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection is pending.

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 NMFRS for the students in North Moore County! There will be a collection box in the narthex throughout September.

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 & YOUTH

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—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 – This women's connect group focuses on spiritual practices that encourage us to live out our faith in deeper ways. All women are invited to join the conversation in the Library on the 2nd Floor of the Cornerstone Building this Sunday at 10:15AM! Led by Alice Herrington.

Kids & Youth Connect

KIDS CONNECT

Bible Challenge kicks off tonight from 3:30-4:30 PM for grades 3-5 in the Education Bldg. Kids Bibles will be presented in worship on October 27.

Kids Connect, Grades K—5, meets tonight, small group style, from 5-6:45 PM in the Education Building. We hope to see you there!

Can't wait to see preschool families for Pizza in the Park on Friday, September 20 at 5:30 PM at Sandhurst Park!

Questions? Please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Middle school Bible study is 10:15 AM on Sundays in the Youth Suite.

Confirmation class also starts today 2:30-5 PM in the Youth Suite.

Youth Group, grades 6—12, tonight 5-7 PM in the Youth Suite.

High school Bible study starts Sept. 19 at PineScone, Southern Pines 7:30-8:15 AM on Thursdays.

Reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org for any questions.

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

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

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

Theology on Tap on Wednesday, September 18, at 6 PM at Midland Country Club's Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Allan Beck, Logan & Ashleigh Beck, John Eddy, Dave Devendorf, Hank Roofe.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Will Herring, Lee Pittman, Ryan Riggan.