

BROWNSON

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

November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday



2023 Session of Brownson

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom
Charlene Kinelski | Chris Jordan | David McNeill | David Wood | Dixie Parks | Don Branch | Don Power | John Bullard
Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Larry Riggan | Lee Pittman | Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Ciccone
Sara Conti | Sara James | Scout Cain (Y) | Wesley Little (Y)

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

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.

Prelude "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. Ann Slowins
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. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Make a joyful noise to God! Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Let us worship God with gladness!

Come into God's presence with a song!

We know that the Lord is God.

God made us. God loves us. We belong to God.

Let us give thanks to God! Blessed is the name of the Lord.

+Hymn 268 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

Confessing

Call to Confession Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we knew it was you. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. Forgive us for ignoring you. Help us to change our ways. Help us to see your image in everyone. 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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir | Rob Hill, 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) There is a nursery for children ages 0-3. There is also a family room for watching the service in the parlor.

Song of Illumination	“Sanctuary” Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you. (repeat)	
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 25:31-46 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	A New King, A New Kingdom	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection
+Hymn 536	“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”	SURGE ECCLESIA

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 From the *Book of Order* F-1.0201: The Authority of Christ—Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions

Almighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, has given to him all power in heaven and on earth, not only in this age but also in the age to come. God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the church, which is his body. The Church’s life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ’s ongoing life and work. 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

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 Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions

Offertory “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Michael McCabe
Chancel Choir | Rob Hill, Trumpet

+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 Wesley Little (9:00 AM) | Eliza Hage (11:10 AM)

Departing

+Hymn 15 “All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+Benediction

+Choral Response “Go With Us Lord” TALLIS’ CANON

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

Postlude “Trumpet Fanfare” Gilbert M. Martin
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

Announcements

Youth: There is no youth group this Sunday...happy Thanksgiving! On Dec 3, the youth will join the whole church for caroling and the chili cookoff.

Children: No Kids Programs tonight. Next week, December 3, our littlest friends (Babies – Kindergarten) are invited for Christmas Ornaments, Cocoa, and Cinnamon Rolls at 10 AM. You will leave with a precious keepsake ornament and Advent calendars to ring in this joyous season! All are invited to join the whole church on December 3 for Christmas Caroling and the chili cookoff.

2023 Giving We are grateful for your commitment to Brownson through your 2023 Pledge. Pledges must be received in the church office by December 31 to be credited in 2023 (postmarked or dropped in our drop box at the Tower door or mailbox in the front circle). If you would like to complete your pledge online, visit brownsonchurch.org/give.

2024 Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards: Thank you for your generous support of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. If you haven't submitted your pledge – it's not too late! Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex or the church office. You can also submit your pledge online, by visiting: brownsonchurch.org/give. You may also call in your pledge to our Bookkeeper, Tracy Kelly—910.692.6252.

Coat Drive—Please bring a new or gently used coat, children's size 6 through adult medium, for our annual coat drive to help support our friends at Southern Pines Elementary School. Donations can be dropped off in the large box in the Atrium and will be collected through November 30.

DATE CHANGE—Please join the Worship Team to decorate the Sanctuary on **Saturday, December 2, 2023** and note that this is a change of date to better align with Advent. We will begin by assembling the trees at **10 AM.**, so we are calling all strong and able folks to come early and then will have a "second shift" at **12:30 PM** for those families with young children who may be attending the local Christmas parade in the morning and want to continue the Christmas festivities and cheer. We will have hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and lots of fun!

Caroling and Chili Cook Off – Join us on **Sunday, December 3**, for our first ever caroling and chili cook off night! Caroling for homebound members will begin at Penick Village at 3 PM. The chili cook off begins at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Adults pay a \$5 fee; all children (18 and under) eat free. You are welcome to participate in one or both parts of the evening! Interested chili cooks or event volunteers, please contact Sharon Ramsey at sharonramsey.nc@gmail.com.

Empty Stocking Consider sharing Christ's love this Christmas season by providing gifts for a local family in need. To be paired with a family, please contact Brenda Hiscott: 910-295-9544; hiscott@nc.rr.com. **Food vouchers for families will be available at both services today.** Donations are also being accepted to pay for meal vouchers.

Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please send a check to the church office with your bulletin dedication. Yellow Special Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. **The deadline to submit is December 15.**

Parents' Night Out—Brownson Church is excited to host a Parents' Night Out on Friday, **December 8 from 5-8 PM.** We know there are many military families in our community facing the challenge of deployment and increased service responsibilities. We hope that this night may offer families in need of a break a few hours of childcare, giving you some time to take care of you. **RSVP by December 2.** For details and sign up, use the QR code printed here:



Invite a Friend Sunday—On Sunday, **December 10 at 9 & 11:10 AM** services, we encourage you to invite a friend to worship with us and enjoy our Christmas Cantata. This is a wonderful Sunday to share Brownson Church with a friend.

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Anne Collins-MRH rehab; Dick Kuehl-the Greens at Pinehurst

Member Death: We share in hope of the risen Christ with the family of Al Dunham upon his death on November 14, 2023. Private services will be held at a later time.

Christian Sympathy to Ally Markotich upon the death of her mother, Mary Heitzman on November 17, 2023.

Christian Sympathy to Barbara Eidam upon the recent death of her brother, Al Eidam.

Advent Calendar

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent
9 & 11:10 AM Services

3:00 PM – Caroling to our homebound members
5:30 PM – Chili Cookoff in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent
9 & 11:10 AM Christmas Cantata

10 AM Higher Grounds and Connect Groups

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent
9 & 11:10 AM Services

10 AM Higher Grounds and Connect Groups

Thursday, December 21—The Longest Night
5:30 PM—A Christmas Service for the Soul

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

11:10 AM Traditional Service

4 PM – Service for Families

6 PM – Service with Candlelight, Carols and Communion

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION:

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

TWO DROP OFF LOCATIONS: Baskets in the narthex or Starbucks Drive Thru - Taylortown.

Contact Rev. Austin Vernon, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday December 6 from 8:30 AM -5 PM** at Northern Moore Family Resource Center in Robbins! Volunteers will assist needy families in shopping in the store that has been set up at the Hope Learning Academy. There are five time slots (1.5 hours each) you can sign up for. Contact Sara Conti at sara.conti76@gmail.com to sign up.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 AM services, 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.

CHILDREN | YOUTH

*Children Pre-K through grade 5 will be invited from Higher Grounds at 10:15 AM to join Kelli for connect classes.

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

ADULT GROUPS

The Living Word Today Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom
Log in to Zoom.com using Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

The Ligon Bible Class Conference Room B at 10 AM

Donuts and Devotionals Conference Room C at 10:15 AM.

Women of the Way Meet in the Parlor at 10 AM. Led by Alice Herrington.

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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

PW Circle 1—Thursday, November 30, 7 PM, in the Parlor. Led by Janee Cates

Men's Theology on Tap on Wednesday, November 29, 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:

9:00 AM Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Marjorie Heffner, Chris & Kelley Kibler, Stu White, Paula Zellers

11:10 AM Head Usher: Don Power, Joan Power, Pat Henry, Betsy Robinson, Anita Emery, Susan and Alex Bowness