

BROWNSON

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A missional community called to love and live in Christ

May 14, 2023



2023 Session of Brownson

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom
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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
Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families
Erin Pollock—director of youth and their families
John Tyson—director of music ministries
Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions

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 as we would love to connect with you.

Prelude "A Mother's Prayer" Franklin R. Ritter
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 Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*

The Praise of God

Musical Meditation "Love the Lord Your God" GREAT COMMANDMENT

+Call to Worship We hear the voice of God calling,
"Love your neighbor as yourself."
We feel the Spirit move among us,
moving us to acts of compassion and justice.
We know the love of Jesus.
We love because Christ first loved us.
Come, worship God together.
Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.

+Hymn 396 "Brethen, We Have Met To Worship" HOLY MANNA
Versus 1 & 4

Confessing

Call to Confession Josh Hunt

Prayer of Confession We profess that you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives. But our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested. Forgive us. Help us not only to proclaim you, but to follow your ways of justice and peace. Transform our hearts, that we may share your love with those around us. 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. Eliza and Pearl Hage

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 "Love of God" Mercy Me
Ella Hall, Mara O'Brien, Madelyn Smith, dancers

Moment with Children Jack Hage and Wesley Little
All children four and older will remain in worship in support of their youth friends

Baptism (11:10) Olivia Moran, Daughter of Asa and Michelle Moran

Hymn 482 "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 Mark 12:28-31 Ava Vonderkall
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon With All That You Are Jack Platt, Josh Markotich, Eliza Hage

+Hymn 693 “The Gift of Love” GIFT OF LOVE

Responding

+Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed Chloe Simpson
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 Chloe Simpson

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 “Hold on to Me” Daigle
Anna Depenbrock, Janie Monroe and Josh Hunt

+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 (9:00 AM) Catie Musselwhite (11:10) Dixon Ciccone

Departing

+Hymn 300 “We Are One in the Spirit” Peter Scholtes

Benediction

Choral Response “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” GOD BE WITH YOU

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

Postlude “Sing and Rejoice” Lani Smith
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

Announcements

PW Gathering—Join us tomorrow at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall for the presentation of the Honorary Life Membership Award and installation of PW leaders for 2023–24. Light refreshments and fellowship start at 10:30.

Local Mission Meet & Greet: Join us during *Higher Grounds* for our Local Missions Meet & Greet on **Sunday, May 21** where the Boys & Girls Club Development Director John Earp will be available to discuss Brownson's long standing partnership and how you might become involved.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, May 21 immediately following the 11:10 AM service.** The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the 2023 Nominating Committee and to install Elder David Wood.

Concerts @ Brownson

Sunday, May 21 @ 7pm-

Faure's Requiem featuring choir members from Brownson, Community Congregational Church, Culdee Presbyterian Church, & Southern Pines United Methodist Church. Orchestra members from around the state of North Carolina.

Friday, June 2 @7pm-

A Celebration of Brahms' Chamber Music

Brownson Church Retreat - Mark your calendar for our Brownson Church Retreat - September 22 - 24, 2023. It's a great time of faith, fun, and fellowship at Caraway Conference Center, only one hour from Brownson! We hope you'll add it to your calendar and plan to join us! Register here: brownsonchurch.org/registration or by using the QR code.



CONNECT @ BROWNSON

Youth:

No youth group tonight...thank you for all of your hard work on Youth Sunday! Next Sunday is our last youth group of the year. We're having a pool party and cookout at the Parks house (620 N Bethesda Rd., Southern Pines) **3-5 PM**. HS girls bring soda, MS girls bring dessert, all boys bring a side. There will be games and prizes! Let's celebrate the end of a great year!

Children:

There are no children's programs tonight. Join us next Sunday, May 21, from 5:00 – 7:00 for our End of Year Celebration and 5th Grade Promotion at Thaggard Lake. Kindergarten-2nd grades please bring a side (chips, fruit, salad, etc.), and 3rd-5th grades please bring a dessert. Excited to celebrate together the end of a wonderful year!

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Sheri Laforge (MRH), Dot Rainey (MRH), Helen Ozment (RHC)

Member Death: We share in hope of the risen Christ with the family of Betty Cox Gordon upon her death on May 5. A memorial service will be held on May 18 at 11 AM at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church, Laurinburg, NC

Christian Sympathy Betsy Robinson and Anita Emery upon the death of Betsy's sister, Susan N. Andorn, on May 6.

Christian Sympathy Harriet Speight upon the death of her mother, Mary Wise, on May 8.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION:

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

NEW DROP OFF LOCATION: Two locations, Baskets in the narthex or Starbucks Drive-Thru - Taylortown.

MOTHERS DAY DIAPER DRIVE: Sizes 4 and 5

Contact: Jan Lindstrom, mjlindstrom75@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities.

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Second Tuesday of each month 9 AM-11 AM
- Contact: Bob McCall, rdm36@charter.net

BROWNSON BUDDIES

Join us for after school homework help one day/week at Southern Pines Elementary, assisting 4th-graders with basic math and reading. To sign up, contact Austin Vernon, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org.

FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children
- Dates: May 22-25
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com

Adults

SUNDAY MORNING CONNECT GROUPS

The Living Word Today (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 10 AM.

Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room B at 10 AM.

Donuts and Devotionals – Bring your coffee and donuts to Conference Room C at 10 AM on Sunday mornings as we discuss some of the most important stories in the New Testament.

MID-WEEK ADULT STUDIES

Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast - This men's group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. Contact Bill Berger for more information.

Theology on Tap—This small group for men of the church meets on Wednesdays at Table on the Green at 6 PM.

Women—Bible study is offered through six different Circles. For information, contact Membership Leader Nancy Ahlfeld at 910.235.4646 or visit brownsonchurch.org/pw.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

9:00 Chris Jordan—Head Usher, youth

11:10 Don Power—Head Usher, youth

Today's **Chancel Flowers** The flowers are given today to the glory of God by the Fanning family and in honor of all mothers, especially Laura Shuford and Beth Fanning.