

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

April 12, 2026

90 Years ANNIVERSARY

*Remembering with Gratitude,
Moving Forward in Faith*

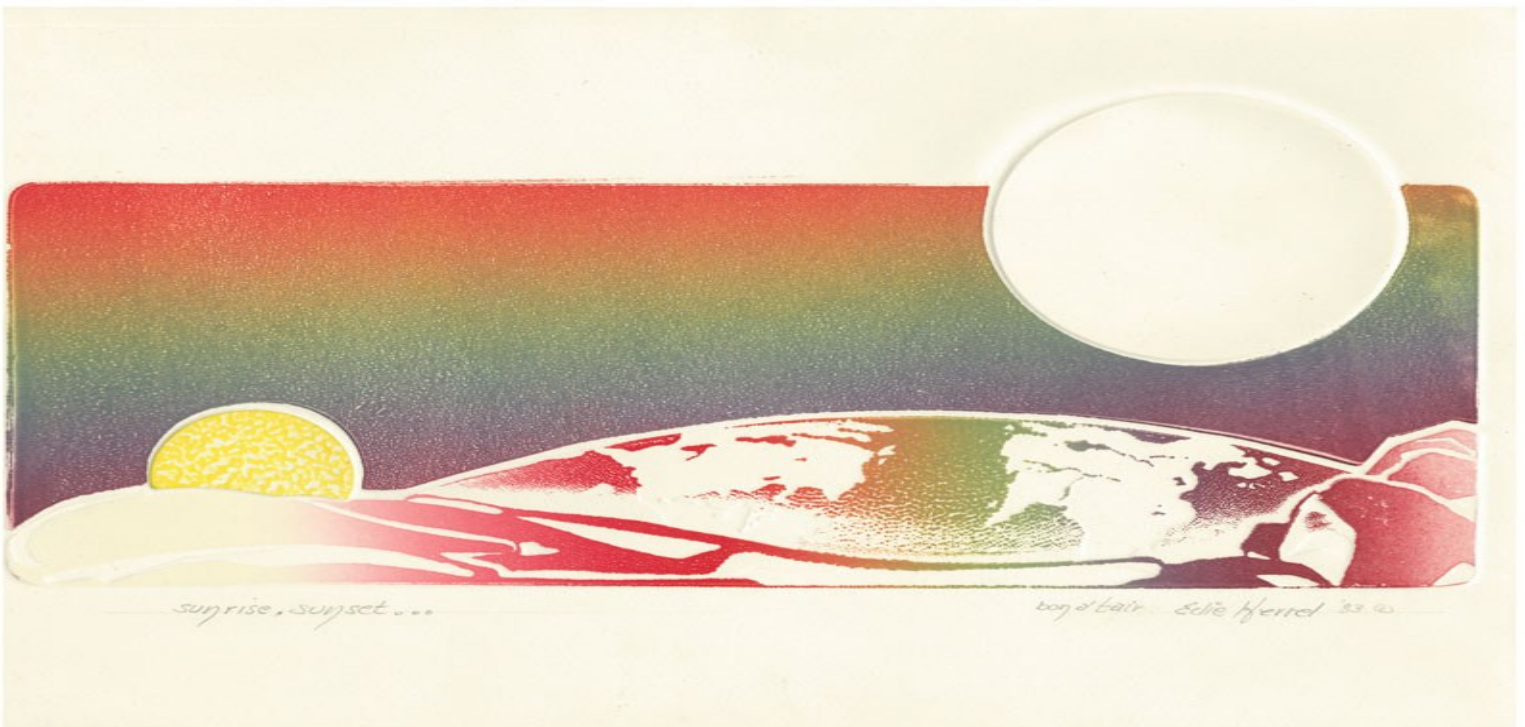
SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 3

One Service @ 10:30

All Church Picture

Church Family Meal



Sunrise, Sunset by Edie Mae Herrel

2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | Donna Chapin | Farra Wilson | Gena Smith
Jane Howard | Jan Stone | Jeff Ward | John Krahnert | Kara Vonderkall
Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg | Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison
Ruth Burgin | Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (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

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 write legibly.

Gathering Music

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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

The good news resounds:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
We celebrate the God who is our refuge.
In God's presence there is gladness and rest.
God is always before us;
We shall not be shaken.
Let us worship our risen Lord.

+Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, we pray. 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 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

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

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

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

John 20: 19-31-

Holy Bible, page 991

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Easter People

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

+Hymn 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

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 A Brief Statement of Faith 11.2 (9 AM) Jane Howard (11:10 AM) Art Edgerton

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

+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 Anthem

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOEL NOUVELET

(9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) 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) John Krahnert (11:10 AM) Alex Bowness

Departing

+Hymn 251

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

+Benediction

+Choral Benediction

Peace

a Shaker Tune arr. K. Siegfried

(9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir

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

Closing Music

Amy Shortt, organ

Announcements

Matthew Bible Study – Join us for the Book of Matthew Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. If you have questions or need information, please contact Alice Herrington (aherrington7@gmail.com) or Bill Berger (bill_ctr.berger1@gmail.com).

Save the Date, VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

Save the Date: We look forward to celebrating Brownson's 90th Anniversary as a church family. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3 for **one** all together service at 10:30 AM, an all-church picture and family meal! More details coming soon!

Gifts of Women Sunday- Please join us to Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday on April 19. The women-led service will feature a dramatic skit, special music, and a reception in the Atrium following the 11:10 service.

Congregational Meeting-There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 19 immediately following the 11:10 AM service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the 2026 Nominating Committee.

The Congregational Care Team along with Children's Ministry is excited to host a **Parents' Night Out on Friday, April 17, from 5-8PM**. Children are invited to a fun night of activities while parents can have a few hours to themselves! Childcare will be offered for children ages 6 weeks to fifth grade. To register, go to brownsonchurch.org/registration. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Elizabeth Doolin.

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, April 23 from 1 – 6PM in Fellowship Hall. Help save lives during a time of critical need — donate blood at our upcoming drive and make a life-changing difference today! To sign up, please use the QR code to the right or www.redcrossblood.org. Type in Zip Code. Click on Make an Appointment. Scroll down to Brownson's schedule.



High school seniors, please remember that the deadline for submitting applications for Presbyterian Women's scholarships is **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. Applications received after that date cannot be considered. Presbyterian Women are glad to be able to offer scholarship assistance as you begin your freshman year. Linda Bryant, PW Scholarship Chair.

Youth Sunday- On Sunday, April 26 the youth of Brownson will be leading worship in both services, preaching, reading, and making music. Please join us as we celebrate what the youth have learned this year.

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members- Sunday April 26, 10:15 AM, Parlor. If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. John Hage and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership. Grab a coffee and donut and stop by!

Music Notes

Thank you to all our musicians – Children, Youth, Bell and Chancel Choirs, instrumentalists, and soloists – who gave of their time and talents to make our Lenten journey meaningful. Thanks to our Worship Ministry team, staff, parents, grandparents, and parishioners who support and encourage Brownson's Music Ministry. Blessing to you all for a joyful Eastertide. -Amy

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

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

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Don Power, Anita Emery, Alex Bowness, Pat Henry, Cindi Hamilton.

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. 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 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 849 0052 9560, Passcode: 209651

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

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. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o'clock hour.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

No Kids Connect tonight. Kids Connect (5 PM) will resume on Sunday, April 19 with our downtown scavenger hunt. Next week we kick off our Kindergarten milestones, with more info to come from Mrs. Kelli via email. If you have any questions about children's programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

There is no youth group tonight. High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. If you would like more information about Brownson Youth please contact Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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

PW Circle 6— Monday, April 13 at 10 AM, in Conference Room B.

PW Circle 3— Monday, April 13 at 11 AM, in Conference Room C.

PW Circle 2— Tuesday, April 14 at 10 AM, in Conference Room C.

PW Circle 7—Wednesday, April 15 at 11 AM, in Conference Room C.

Moms Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 15, at 7PM in the Youth Suite. This month we are reading the Gospel of John. All Brownson moms are welcome to join! Contact Erin Pollock for more information.

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab:

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Joyce Stutts upon her death on April 8, 2026. Her service details are pending.

Christian Sympathy: Bonnie Hanly on the death of her husband, Peter on April 2, 2026.

Donna Harrell on the death of her daughter, Kathy Newton, on April 3, 2026.