

# BROWNSON

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

## February 18, 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)

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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  
**Matt Franks**—interim music director

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387  
[www.brownsonchurch.org](http://www.brownsonchurch.org) — 910.692.6252  
Sunday Worship | 9:00 & 11:10 AM  
Livestream | 11:10 AM



## Gathering

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*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** "One Shepherd, One Fold" James Southbridge  
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*

## The Praise of God

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**+Call to Worship** (9:00) David & Emaline Malan | (11:10) Arianne Monroe

When the way is difficult and dangerous,  
**let us still choose what is good and just.**  
When evil comes to break us down and break us apart,  
**let us still choose to carry on with each other.**  
When life struggles strike fear in our hearts,  
**let us still choose the courage to persevere.**  
For we know that the love and power of God, which abides in us, will not be overcome.  
**Let us worship Almighty God!**

**+Hymn 363** "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" DARWALL'S 148TH

## Confessing

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**Call to Confession** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

**Prayer of Confession** *Cantor:* Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.  
*Congregation:* **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

*Cantor:* Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

*Congregation:* **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.**

*Cantor:* Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

### 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

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**Anthem** "We Have Come This Far By Faith" Joseph Martin  
The Chancel Choir

**Moment with Children** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*  
(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) We have a nursery for children ages 0-3. There is also a family room for watching the service in the Parlor.

**Baptism (9:00)** Emmett Matthew Tanea and Theodore Wilson Tanea, sons of Matt & Sara Tanea

**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.**

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Song of Illumination	“Open My Eyes” Open my eyes, that I may see glimpse of truth thou has for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!.	OPEN MY EYES
Scripture Lesson	Mark 1:12-15 The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	Finding Courage—Wilderness	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 829	“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	OLIVET

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## 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**      The Apostles’ Creed      Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*  
**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**      “The Old Rugged Cross”      Mark Hayes  
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**      (9:00) John Bullard (11:10) Ken Goodman

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## Departing

**+Hymn 370**      “This Is My Father’s World”      TERRA BEATA

**+Benediction**

**+Choral Response**      “Go Ye Now In Peace”      Joyce Ellers

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

**Postlude**      “Grande Orgue in E Flat Major”      Alexandre Guilmant  
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

## Announcements

The **Chancel Flowers** today are dedicated to the glory of God given by the family of George H. Ellis, III. A service of witness to the resurrection was held in the Sanctuary on February 17.

**Finding Courage** – Join a small group during the season of Lent as we explore how we find courage through our faith in Christ. You can sign up online at [www.brownsonchurch.org/registration](http://www.brownsonchurch.org/registration), complete a registration form in the Atrium on Sunday morning, or call the church office at 910-692-6252. Small groups begin the week of February 18. There is still time to sign up!



**Youth Pancake Breakfast:** Please join us in Fellowship Hall on **February 25** during the **10 o'clock hour**. The Pancake Breakfast is a fundraiser for Brownson Youth. The money raised goes to reduce the cost of summer trips to Massanetta, Montreat and Appalachia Service Project. Many youth are signing up for these life-changing opportunities and it's our goal to raise \$4,000 to support them! If you can't attend the breakfast but would still like to donate, go to [brownsonchurch.org/give](http://brownsonchurch.org/give) and select Youth Pancake Breakfast in the drop down menu.

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of someone, please use the yellow special offering envelope in the pew racks. Please indicate your dedication on the envelope. If you wish to donate online, go to [brownsonchurch.org/give](http://brownsonchurch.org/give) and use the drop-down menu to select Easter Flowers then notate in the memo line your flower dedication. Deadline is March 21.



## Season of Lent

### Lenten Challenge—Commit to being in worship during Lent

During this season of Lent, we challenge you to help us bring people into the pews at Brownson Church. Invite those you miss seeing to sit with you and let them know that they are missed in worship! If you have been watching from home, or out of the habit of coming to worship in person, we invite you back! It's a great time to recommit yourself to the practice of worshipping God!

### Schedule for Holy Week

<b>Palm Sunday—March 24</b>	<b>9 AM—Worship</b>
	<b>10 AM—Higher Grounds &amp; Small Groups</b>
	<b>11:10 AM—Worship</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024</b>	<b>7 PM Tenebrae Service</b>
<b>Good Friday, March 29, 2024</b>	<b>12 PM Prayer Service</b>
<b>Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024</b>	<b>9 AM—Worship</b>
	<b>10 AM—Higher Grounds &amp; Small Groups</b>
	<b>11:10 AM—Worship</b>

## Prayers and Praise

**Hospital/Rehab:** Philip Olbon, MRH

**Christian Sympathy** to Beth Hill upon the death of her father, Robert Bruce Cearley, Jr., on February 8, 2024.

**Member Death:** We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of George H. Ellis, III upon his death on February 13, 2024. A service of witness to the resurrection was held at Brownson on February 17, 2024.

## Serving Today

**Thank you to our Greeters serving today:**

**9:00 AM—**Head Ushers: Frank Quis, Steve & Debbie Brooks, Don & Shirley Ruffy  
**11:10 AM—**Head Ushers: Charles Harris and Patrick Depenbrock, Gregg Allen, Wes Little, Ed Monroe, Michael & Sarah Garry

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

During the 9, 10, & 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 | YOUTH

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

\*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** Participating in Presbyterian 101 series until February 18.

**The Ligon Bible Class** Participating in Presbyterian 101 series until February 18.

**Donuts and Devotionals** Participating in Presbyterian 101 series until February 18.

**Women of the Way** This women's connect group focuses on spiritual practices that encourage us to live out our faith in deeper ways. The first study will be on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. All women are invited to join the conversation. Meet in the Parlor at 10 AM. Led by Alice Herrington.

**Presbyterian 101** Now through February 18, this class covers what we believe as Presbyterians. How we are organized and governed. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM. Led by Rev. Dr. Bill Giles. You are welcome to attend even if you cannot make it to every class.

## Sunday & Mid Week Kids Connect

Brownson Kids Connect (K-5) meets tonight for the second part of our series "All About Love." We would love for you to join us from 5:00-6:45 PM. If you would like to receive our Brownson Kids emails please reach out to Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

## Sunday & Mid Week Youth Connect

Youth group tonight, 5-7 PM, in the Youth Suite! On February 25 all youth will be helping with the Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon and then we'll celebrate a job well done with bowling 5:30-7 PM. High School Bible Study is 7:30-8:15 AM on Thursdays at PineScone, Southern Pines. Middle School Bible Study is Sunday mornings at 10:20 AM in the Youth Suite. Want to connect with Brownson Youth? Email Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

## Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast** Tuesday, February 20, 7:30 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

**Men's Theology on Tap** on Wednesday, February 21, 6 PM at Midland Country Club's Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

### Presbyterian Women

PW Circle 1—Thursday, February 22 at 7 PM in the Parlor. Led by Janee Cates.

## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Second Tuesday of the month, 9 AM—11 AM
- Sign up to volunteer on February 20, March 19
- Contact: Sara Conti at 937-725-3016 with any questions