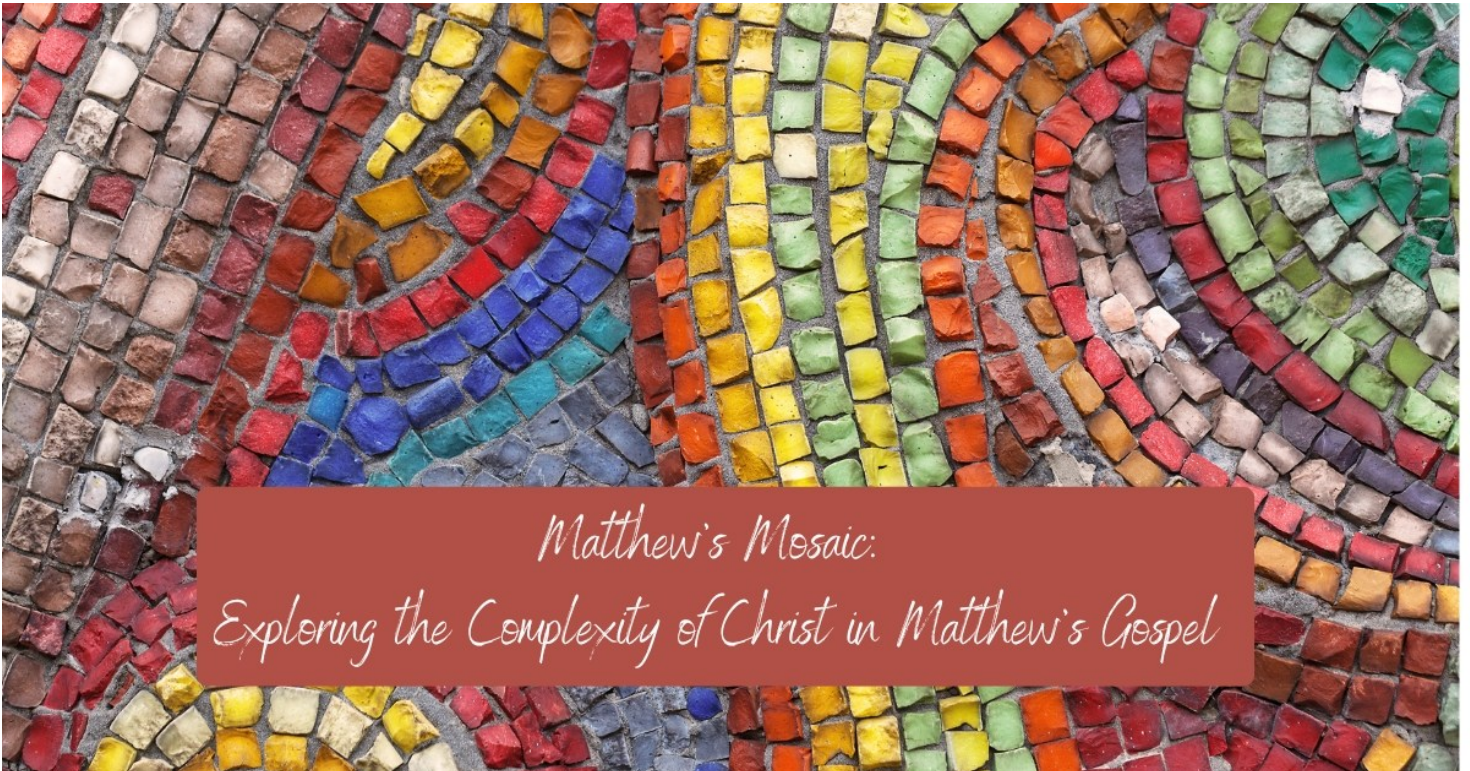


BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

July 12, 2026



*Matthew's Mosaic:
Exploring the Complexity of Christ in Matthew's Gospel*

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

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Sunday Worship | 10:30 AM

Livestream | 10:30 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.

Prelude	<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i>	Gordan Young 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, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Minute For Mission	Transformation Team	Gracyn Myrick
Youth Montreat Commissioning		Erin Pollock, <i>Director of Youth and their Families</i>

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

All who walk in shadow, come into the light!
God's Word lights the way for us.
 God has promised to abide with us.
Let us commit to walk in God's ways.
 All who long for wholeness, let us give praise to God.
God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort.
 Let us worship God.

+Hymn 401

Gather Us In GATHER US IN
 Stanza 1—ALL | Stanza 2—LOWER VOICES | Stanza 3— HIGHER VOICES | Stanza 4— ALL

Confessing

Call to Confession Rev. Dr. William Giles

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are quick to say; "We didn't know," "We didn't mean to," "We didn't expect that to happen." But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives. Amen.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on
 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 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Scripture Lesson	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 891
Sermon	Jesus the Teacher	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor
+Hymn 451	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	OPEN MY EYES

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 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.	Rev. Dr. William Giles
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+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> 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.
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Invitation to the Offering	Rev. Dr. William Giles
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+Offertory Anthem	<i>Christ Has Broken Down the Wall</i> The Brownson Summer Choir	arr. Miller
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+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> 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
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+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Lisa Hughes
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Departing

+Hymn 80	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	THE TREES OF THE FIELDS
+Benediction		
+Choral Response	<i>Day by Day, Dear Lord</i> Day by day, Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.	arr. Friedell
Postlude		Amy Shortt, organ

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

Announcements

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!

Summer Giving - As you travel this summer, please consider continuing your giving while you are away. We tend to see a decline in giving, while our expenses remain the same. You can do this through our website: brownsonchurch.org/give and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



5th Annual Church Retreat- All are invited to join us for the Brownson Church Retreat Nov. 13-15 at Caraway Conference Center. The theme for this year's retreat is **"Bind Us Together"** and will be woven through preaching, discussion, music, recreation, fellowship and creative offerings. We also welcome back Rev. Ernie Thompson as the retreat speaker. Rev. Thompson is a retired PC (USA) pastor who served congregations in Greensboro and Wilmington during his ministry. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Registration is open and can be found on the Brownson website. Any questions can be brought to Kelli Garbett or Erin Pollock.



Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 10:30 AM service, 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 9:30 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 854-5041-3352 Passcode: 552470

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 9:30 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium beginning at 9:15 AM. The last day for the summer is today! This ministry will resume in mid-September.

Music Notes

Everyone is invited to sing in Summer Choir during the months of June and July! Rehearsal begins in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. No prior experience necessary. All are welcome! Come and lead with us in worship. Childcare is available in the educational building starting at 9:15 AM.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Allen Beck, Logan Beck, John Eddy, Dave Devendorf, Hank Roofe

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Ruth and Hersh Hughes by Lisa Hughes and Lori, Katelyn and Matthew Mottesheard.

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Katherine Ewing upon her death on July 3, 2026. Please keep her family in your prayers. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, August 29 at 11 AM with a reception, hosted by Martha's Friends, immediately following in Fellowship Hall.

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Nancy Reams upon her death on July 2, 2026. Please keep her husband, Tom, and all of their family in your prayers. A service was held in Raleigh, NC on July 8.