

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

August 10, 2025



Why We Worship

2025 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | David Wood | Gena Smith | Jane Howard | Kara Vonderkall
Kamron Monroe | Kathy McPherson | Keith Walvoord | Lee Pittman | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg
Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison | Luke Markotich (Y) | Janie Monroe (Y)

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

Amy Shortt—director of music ministries

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Sunday Worship | 10 AM

Livestream | 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 print legibly.

Prelude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Hughes
Amy Shortt, *Director of Music Ministries*

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*

Minute for Mission Stephen Ministry Jeff Ward, *Stephen Leader*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Siblings in Christ, why do we gather here today?
We gather to worship our Lord.
How do we worship the Lord?
We worship through prayer, song, preaching, and giving of ourselves.
What is the fruit of our worship?
The fruit of our worship is sharing the love of Jesus Christ.
Let us worship our Lord this day.

+Hymn 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Confessing

Call to Confession Amelia Kirkland, *Elder*
Prayer of Confession Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet we often place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to share your love. Help us to build your kingdom. Cleanse us from all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie



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 *Love Is Love Is Love Is Love* Abbie Betinis justicechoir.org
aCHOIRing Voices (Congregation joins as directed)

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 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am* TAKE ME AS I AM
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
Congregation to join on repeat.

Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 617-618
Sermon	Why We Worship	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
+Hymn 70	What Does the Lord Require of You?	MOON

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	Apostle's Creed	Janie Monroe, Youth Elder
	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		Ken MacDonald
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	Fly Away Medley	arr. Hayes
	The Chancel Choir (with aCHOIRing Voices)	

+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	Lisa Hughes
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Departing

+Hymn 300	They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love	THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
+Benediction	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care	
+Choral Response	Go Ye Now in Peace	Joyce Eilers
	The Chancel Choir	

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

Postlude	Postlude in C	Thayer/Callahan
	Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries	

Announcements

Mid-Year Financial Forum: Please join us **today at 11 AM** in Fellowship Hall for our Mid-Year Financial Forum. Leaders of the Stewardship Ministry Team will be on hand to provide Brownson's first half of 2025 financial review.

Summer in the Psalms - This summer, a take-home devotional will be provided that guides you through the riches of the book of Psalms by studying one Psalm per week. This faith formation resource is geared toward all ages and families. The study is available in the Atrium.

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.



The **Prayer Shawls ministry group** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 3 PM in Conference Room C. Please join us at our next meeting on August 6. All knitters and crocheters are welcome!

Sunday, August 17—The American tradition of **Kirkin' of the Tartans** was initiated by Rev. Peter Marshall at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. During WWII, Rev. Marshall was a Scot and used the Kirkin' to raise funds for the British war effort. The St. Andrew's Society of Washington D.C. conducted the Kirkin' which is now held annually at the National Cathedral. Thanks to the St. Andrew's Society of NC for conducting this service. Presbyterian Churches across the country, including Brownson, have continued this tradition in celebration of our Scottish heritage.

The New Member Welcome Team will be hosting **Lemonade on the Lawn** on **Sunday, August 17**. Join us outside following worship for lemonade, cookies and a fun time of fellowship as we connect with one another.

Save the Date - Church Family Meal: Join us on Sunday, September 7 for our annual Church Picnic and Family Meal. There will be one service at 10 AM with the meal following at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the meal and no need to register. **The church will provide the fried chicken and barbecue and would love for our Brownson family to provide all of the sides for the meal. Plan to bring things like baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fruit and dessert.** If you would like to volunteer to set up or clean up, please contact Jane Howard, jphtravel@gmail.com.

Join us for the 2025 Church Retreat – Register now for the 2025 Brownson Church Retreat! The retreat is November 7-9 at Camp Caraway. The retreat speaker is Rev. Ernie Thompson and he will be speaking on the theme "Fully Alive". For the past three years, the retreat has served as a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, great food, fun activities and worship. It is for ALL ages and all size families! Register by Sept 21 at www.brownsonchurch.org/ registration.

Music Notes

We have special musical presentations in August: aCHOIRing Voices will sing today; and Kirkin' of the Tartans on August 17. Each musical offering is unique, and you don't want to miss out. We hope to see YOU in worship each Sunday!

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume in September. Bell Choir will also kick off rehearsals in September! Stay tuned for more details. We'd love to have you make music with us!

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God by the children and grandchildren of Tom and Kathy McPherson in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Justine Ostlund upon her death on August 2, 2025. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at a later time this fall at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of John McPhaul upon his death on August 5, 2025. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at Brownson on August 9, 2025.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 10 AM service, Brownson has a full service nursery in the Education Building for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to welcome your children. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children 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 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

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

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 9 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

Kids & Youth Connect

KIDS CONNECT

Kids Connect activities will resume in September. Be on the lookout for emails about summer activities!

Reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org with any questions.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group will resume in September. Parents, look for emails about summer youth activities and trip updates.

Reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org with any questions.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION

This summer, please consider donating needed food items to the Coalition. During summer break, the demand for shelf-staple food items increases significantly because students do not receive breakfast and lunch at school. Your food donations are needed now more than ever for families in need! Also, please note the Coalition cannot accept expired food items.

- DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.
- DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex
- Questions? Contact Caryl Schunk, cschunk@guilford.edu.

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors.
- Sign up to volunteer on the 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 PM.
- Contact: Don Branch at debranch@gmail.com.

NORTHERN MOORE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Beginning in August, Brownson is hosting its second annual summer shoe drive for the children at Northern Moore Family Resource Center. Please consider donating new shoes for children grades K-12 in the collection bins, which will be located in the Atrium. Our goal this year is 130 pairs of shoes!

FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children. Volunteers needed for providing dinners and overnight hosts.
- Dates: September 9—13, 2025
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

Head Usher: Anita Emery, Betsy Robinson, Alex & Susan Bowness, Chan & Lucy Roberts, Scott Absher.