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

November 22, 2026



2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

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Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin—associate pastor for congregational care and connection
Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families
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www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 10:30 AM
Livestream | 10:30 AM

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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.

Ritual of Friendship The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prelude Pre-K Bells

News of the Church Alive Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Minute for Mission Joyfully Alive Stewardship Campaign
Children & Youth Faith Formation — Cooper Carter

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship God is always planting seeds of new life among us.
In the laughter of children, the questions of young people, and the faith we share, God is at work.
We come to worship the God who nurtures every seed and makes it grow.
God calls us to encourage, teach, listen, and walk alongside one another.
We come to celebrate the gifts of every generation and the promise of what is yet to come.
Let us plant seeds of faith, nurture hope, and share the love of Christ.
Together, we worship the God who is growing new life among us!

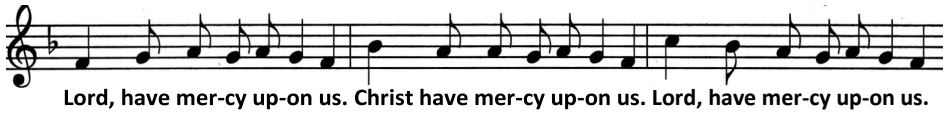
+Hymn 37 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

Confessing

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

Prayer of Confession **Gracious God, you call us to plant seeds of faith and nurture new life, yet too often we fail to recognize the gifts of children and young people among us. We are sometimes too busy to listen, too quick to offer answers, and too hesitant to make room for their questions, ideas, and leadership. Forgive us when we underestimate what they have to teach us or forget our responsibility to help them grow. Open our hearts to the curiosity, energy, and wonder of young people. Give us patience to nurture faith, courage to invest in the next generation, and wisdom to create a church where every person is valued and every generation belongs. Through Christ, make us a community where faith takes root and love continues to grow. Amen.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Cantors Pearl Hage and Lucy Zalzneck to sing first. Congregation will sing 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

Children's Choir *God Walks with Me* Kornelis
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.

Baptism George and Patrick Wurst, children of Ben and Reba Wurst

Hymn 482 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN
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.

+Please stand if you are able

Song of Illumination 468 *In My Life* LORD, BE GLORIFIED
In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In our song, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Scripture Lesson Luke 8:4-8 Holy Bible, page 943
1 Corinthians 3:5-9 Holy Bible, page 1041
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Joyfully Alive: Planting Seeds Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

+Hymn 647 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*
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

Anthem *Look at the World* John Rutter
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 Ella Marino and Missy Quis

Departing

+Hymn 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

+Benediction

+Congregational Response 654 *In the Lord* TAIZE'
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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

+Postlude Amy Shortt, organ

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!

Holiday Flower Ministry - Our wonderful volunteers sign up to deliver just one, or many, flowers to church members in need of connection. This season, Christmas poinsettias will be ready for pick up at Brownson on Sunday, December 6 through December 10. Simply pick up the flower with your name, deliver to the recipient on the envelope, and schedule time to connect. If you'd like to be part of this ministry, please email Madison Broadwell at madisonbroadwell4@gmail.com.

Holiday Flowers – All are welcome to dedicate Poinsettias for Christmas by using the Special Offerings envelope in the pews. When a dedication is received, you will be sent an email to confirm your dedication. If Holiday Flowers are dedicated, but confirmation is not received, please call Lia at the church office at 910-692-6252. Deadline to submit dedications is December 10.

2027 Stewardship Campaign—Joyfully Alive! The 2027 Joyfully Alive Campaign is underway. Last week you should have received a letter and pledge card in the mail. Please save the date for Celebration Sunday on December 6 where we will bring our pledge cards forward along with canned goods to share with our friends at the Coalition for Human Care. To submit your pledge online, please use this QR code or visit brownsonchurch.org/give.

The Presbyterian Women will be selling note cards in the Atrium before and after worship each Sunday in November. Please plan to stop by for a package of eight of our Presbyterian Women artists original designs for $12.50. Proceeds support Mission initiatives.

Decorating the Sanctuary: You are invited to join the Worship Team in decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas on **Saturday, November 28 at 9:30 AM.** If you have any questions or would like to RSVP that you will join the fun, please contact Donna Chapin at dc43104@gmail.com.

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, Sunday, November 29, 9:30 AM, Parlor. If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and members of the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership.

Advent Adventure and Potluck - On Sunday, November 29 at 9:30 AM Brownson will be celebrating the start of advent with a church-wide breakfast potluck, advent activities for all ages and resources for families for the advent season. Bring a dish to share and join us in celebrating this season!

Blessing of the Animals service is today at 4 PM in the Grass Parking Lot. Join us with your pets as we celebrate the gift of God's creation! Please only bring pets that socialize well and are up to date on vaccines. Cats and small animals should be in a carrier. You can bring a picture or collar if your pet would prefer to stay home. We are also collecting food donations for the The Coalition's Pet Pantry, so please bring sealed dog or cat food to share with pet owners and animal friends in need!

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Coalition Christmas (Empty Stocking) – Consider sharing Christ's love this Christmas season by providing gifts for a local family in need. Families are available for distribution. To be paired with a family, please contact. Caryl Schunk (336-312-2216; cschunk@guilford.edu) or Chris DiMarco (910-528-5169; cdimarco@nc.rr.com). Donations are also being accepted to pay for meal vouchers.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

All Brownson Kids and their families are invited for Friendsgiving tonight beginning at 5 PM in the Atrium. Whether you typically come to Sunday night programs or not, please join us! Meat and dessert will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. After dinner and games, the evening will end outside with fire pits and S'mores. If you have questions about kids programs, please contact Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group tonight is Friendsgiving 5-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Youth are asked to bring a side dish to share. No high school Bible study this week because of Thanksgiving. Faith Lab is Sunday mornings 9:30 AM in the youth suite. For more information about Brownson Youth please contact Erin, youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Music Notes

Our annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 AM will features Brownson Chancel Choir, children and youth choirs, community orchestra, and readers from our congregation. Mark your calendars and invite a friend for this joyful service.

Sunday Morning Offerings Location Guide

The Living Word Today—Room A
Ligon Class—Room B
Donuts and Devotionals—Room C
It Takes a Village—Cornerstone Library
Another Chapter - Cornerstone Conference Rm.
Grow, Discover & Shine—Children PreK-5th Grade—Ed. Building
Faith Lab - Youth Suite

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Todd McCrimmon by his parents, Warren & Sandra McCrimmon.

Hospital/Rehab: Roland Stout (Duke); Sue Martin (MRH)
Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ upon the death of Mary Lou MacCall on November 16. A service of the witness to the resurrection will be held in the new year.
Christian Sympathy John Cates upon the death of his step mother Monica Cates on November 13.

Linger with Lemonade

Join us for an informal time of connection outside the Sanctuary after church for some lemonade and fellowship as we head out into our week following worship at 11:30 AM.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today: Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Paula Zellers, Marjorie Heffner, Bill Zell, Kelley Kibler, Chris Kibler, Mary Hamblen