

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ



Celebration by John August Swanson

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.

Prelude

*Come Down, O Love Divine*arr. Stanley
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*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

We worship a creative God
Who formed all living things.
 We worship an abundant God
Who gives each of us different gifts.
 We worship a glorious God
Who brings life into all creation. Alleluia!
 Let us worship God.

+Hymn 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Infinite God, You come to us in many colors, shapes and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully. 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 288

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

Acts 2:1-21
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Holy Bible, page 994

Sermon	A Wild and Wide Spirit	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
+Hymn 291	<i>Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness</i>	SPIRIT

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	A Brief Statement of Faith 11.4	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
	We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.	
	The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"	

+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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.
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Invitation to the Offering	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
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Offertory Anthem	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	arr. Hopson
	The Chancel Choir	

+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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	Charlene Kinelski
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Departing

+Hymn 66	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	PENTECOST
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+Benediction

+Congregational Response	<i>Day by Day, Dear Lord</i>	arr. Friedell
	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.	

Postlude	Amy Shortt, organ
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A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

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.
Registration: brownsonchurch.org/registration.

Save the Date, 5th Annual Church Retreat, November 13-15.

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!

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, Sunday May 31, 11:45 AM, Parlor-If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. Elizabeth Doolin and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership.

Summer Hours: Beginning today we will have ONE service at 10:30 AM. Summer hours will run through September 13.

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 New Member Welcome Team will be hosting **Lemonade on the Lawn** on **Sunday, June 14**, to welcome our newest members. Join us outside immediately following worship for lemonade and cookies and a fun time of fellowship as we connect with one another.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 24 in observance of Memorial Day.

Home Communion Commissioning– Join us June 7 as we commission our elders to serve home communion! If you are an elder who would like to serve, or if you are or know someone homebound who would like to receive communion, please contact our Home Communion Coordinator, Barbara Gaylord at bedfordbarbara@yahoo.com

Ways to Serve | Local Missions

SANDHILLS COALITION

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

Music Notes

As we prepare to engage in the All Together Initiative, we are reminded that one of the most powerful ways God draws people together is through song. When we sing together, we do more than express personal taste or preference – we join our voices in prayer, praise, and shared faith.

Not every hymn or song will speak to each of us in the same way every week, but each one may become a source of encouragement, comfort, hope – an extra measure of grace for someone else. Congregational singing invites us beyond ourselves and into community. It is an act of generosity, unity, and worship.

So let us sing heartily, joyfully, with open minds and open hearts, helping one another lift our voices to God as one body in Christ.

Prayers and Praise

Hospital:/Rehab:

Christian “Big C” Freberg– MRH
Jean Wallen– MRH
Jeff Gillette– Duke

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

Head Usher: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Bob and Peggy Flygar, Hope Dugenske, Hardin Freberg.



SUMMER WORSHIP
IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM
10:30 AM
HIGHER GROUNDS & CLASSES
9:30 AM