

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

August 18, 2024



Anointed by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman, A Sanctified Art

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)

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

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252

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 "Voluntary on Victory" Robert Lind
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. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship All you with grumbling stomachs,
hungry for bread, nourishment, and flourishing:
Draw near to God.
All you with dry throats,
thirsting for water, wisdom, and justice:
Draw near to God.
All you with empty arms,
searching for a warm embrace, a meaningful life, and a loving community:
Draw near to God.

+Hymn 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Kyrie



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

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 "Look at the World" John Rutter
ACHOIRing Voices

Moment with Children Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*
Children age four to third 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 "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	Luke 7:36-50 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 943
Sermon	Dinner Disruptions	Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
+Hymn 451	“Open My Eyes, That I May See”	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	Apostle’s Creed 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.	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor
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+Gloria	“Gloria Patri” 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

Offertory	“Meditation on It is Well With My Soul” Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	Elizabeth Krouse
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+Presentation of Gifts	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 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	Trent Carter
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Departing

+Hymn 727	“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”	THE SERVANT SONG
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+Benediction

+Congregational Response 542	“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.	GOD BE WITH YOU
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A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

Postlude	“The Church’s One Foundation” Diana Kirkpatrick, organ	Elizabeth Krouse
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Announcements



Join us for the **2024 Church Retreat** - There is still space available for the annual Brownson Church Retreat! If you missed the August 1 deadline to register, don't worry. We have several spots open and you can still register! Join us **September 27-29** at Camp Caraway for a weekend of fellowship, fun, food, and worship. There is something for everyone on this retreat and activities planned for every age and every family. Register by going to brownsonchurch.org/registration or call the church office. You can also talk to Kelli, Erin and Austin if you have questions or need help registering.

Music Notes

Thank you to all the singers who participated in aCHOIRing Voices today and throughout the summer! This fun musical endeavor will return in the future and as always, everyone is welcome!

Prayers and Praise

Christian Sympathy: to Kathy Desmond upon the death of her mother, Rachel Elam Kenion on August 13, 2024.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

Head Usher: Scott Absher, Michael White, Lee Pittman, Will Herring, Ryan Riggan

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During worship, there is a full service nursery for kids 3 and under. Loving staff welcome your children. The nursery is located in the Education Building. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN

Kids, pre-K though grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children in the 10 AM service. 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.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION

DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.

DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex

Contact Rev. Austin Vernon, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- No volunteer days in August or September.
- Contact: Sara Conti at 937-725-3016 with any questions

FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children. Volunteers needed for providing dinners and overnight hosts.
- Dates: August 26-29, November 11-14
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com

NORTH MOORE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

SHOE DRIVE—Local Missions is collecting new gym shoes, sizes kindergarten thru adult, for NMFRCC for the students in North Moore County! When out shopping, please consider buying some extra shoes. There will be a collection box in the narthex throughout August and September! Our goal is to collect 100 pairs of shoes.

Kids Connect

Promotion Sunday for our littlest friends (nursery and PreK) will take place on **August 25**. See the email from Miss Kelli, and if you have any questions, reach out to children@brownsonchurch.org.

Excited to kick off fall programs for Grades K-5 on Sunday evenings at **5 PM** beginning on **September 8**. We would love for your child to join us for this time of faith formation, fun, and fellowship! More info coming soon!

Youth Connect

Youth Group will kickoff on **Sunday, September 8**. All youth grades 6-12 AND their parents are invited to join us **5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall**. We'll start with dinner all together, then the youth will play Olympic style games while the parents have an informational meeting to go over dates, paperwork, and more. On **September 8** middle school Bible study will start at **10:15 AM in the Youth Suite**. Grab a donut and look for Erin! High school Bible study starts on **September 19 7:30-8:15 AM** at PineScone Southern Pines. Please reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org with any questions! We can't wait to get started up again!

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

The Brownson Men's Groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

Men's Theology on Tap on Wednesday, August 21, at 6 PM at Midland Country Club's Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst. We are studying "Encountering the Holy Land" for the summer with a video series and a Holy Land Atlas. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.



SUMMER SERVICE HOURS 10 AM

In-Person & Online

June 16-September 1

9-10 AM—Adult Classes

No Higher Grounds June 16—September 1