

BROWNSON

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

October 19, 2025



*Ninety Years of Grace
Our Story
God's Faithfulness*

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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 and organist

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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 print legibly.

Prelude	<i>Praise to the Lord the Almighty</i> Amy Shortt, organ	arr. Lasky
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 for Congregational Care and Connection</i>	
Musical Meditation	This Is the Day (11:10 AM) Brownson Learning Center (BLC) Children	arr. Garrett

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
 God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,
For Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them.
 On this day, we boldly come to make an offering of worship
 To the God of mercy, who seeks and saves the lost.
Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!

+Hymn 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

Confessing

Call to Confession Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

Prayer of Confession

Great and almighty God, we humbly admit that far too often our words and our silence harm others. From the same mouth, we utter both blessings and curses. Too often we speak and do not listen. We close ourselves off from the wisdom of our neighbors and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, Lord; walk with us to be better advocates for all your children, all our neighbors, and all your creation. Guide us to be more thoughtful friends and encourage us to be servant leaders, sharing your love with our church, community, and world. 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

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 #466	<i>Come and Fill Our Hearts</i> Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and Fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia! <i>Congregation to join on repeat.</i>	Taize
Scripture Lesson	Exodus 35:20-29 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 81
Sermon	A Willing Heart	Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions
Duet	<i>Here I am, Lord</i> Matt Franks, tenor Ravon Shepherd, baritone	arr. Larson

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. John Hage, Senior Pastor
+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
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		
Offertory	<i>Just a Little Talk with Jesus</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	arr. Pethel
+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
+Prayer of Thanksgiving	(9 AM) Kathy McPherson (11:10 AM) John Cates	

Departing

+Hymn 223	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> Stanza 1-All 2-Women 3-Men 4-All	HAMBURG
+Benediction	Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions	
+Choral Response #539	<i>Go Ye Now in Peace</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	Joyce Eilers
	<i>A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.</i>	
Postlude	March in D	J.S. Bach

Announcements

90 Years of Grace: God's Faithfulness, Our Story

You're invited to be part of this year's Stewardship Campaign as we celebrate 90 years of God's faithfulness to Brownson Church!

As we look to the future, we invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge of giving for the coming year. Your pledge is simply an estimate of giving—a tangible way to express gratitude and participate in God's ongoing work through Brownson.

This year, your commitment is especially important as our ministry expenses have increased. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and online at brownsonchurch.org/give.

Join us for Commitment Sunday, on November 2, when we will joyfully bring our pledges forward in worship as an act of faith and thanksgiving.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us continue the story of God's grace at Brownson Church!

Bridges of Faith—Join Brownson friends and others in the community for an engaging interfaith panel discussion at Sandhills Community College on Sunday, October 26, at 2 PM. The event is free to the public, but registration is required. Sign up at <https://sandhillscscc-register.fundfive.com/course/section/22536>.

Rise Against Hunger—Join us today, Sunday, October 19, in Fellowship Hall for our annual Rise Against Hunger food packing event. All ages are encouraged to participate in this fun, intergenerational service opportunity as we pack 20,000 meals to combat food insecurity around the world. Lunch is provided.

Youth Sunday Serve—On November 2, Brownson Youth will serve members of the congregation. If you are interested in youth coming to your home to lend a hand, please reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org or 443-223-8930. This was by far one of their favorite events last year. They loved being able to give back to a congregation that gives them so much support.

Trunk or treat will be next Sunday, October 26, from 4:00 - 6:00. We are in need of trunks as well as candy! Please reach out to Erin or Kelli if you want to be a part of this fun event!

Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 21, from 11:30 AM–5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Help save lives during a critical time of need—donate blood at our upcoming drive and make a life changing difference! To sign up, go to www.redcrossblood.org type in Zip Code. Click on Make an Appointment. Scroll down to Brownson's schedule.

All Saints Evensong—Join us Sunday, November 2 at 4 PM in the Sanctuary. This service honors the gift of our Brownson Saints, and honors the grief of all who have lost a loved one.

What Brownson means to me—As you leave church today, please take a moment to stop by the board located in the Narthex and add a note about what Brownson means to you!

Music Notes

Concluding Hymn Tradition: Until November 2, we will close worship with *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. Dr. Marcus Brownson asked that this hymn be sung so each member would leave with "the song of the Cross stamped upon their hearts" as they went into the world.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God given in loving memory of Jim McNiff, husband, and Mary Scott, sister, by Nancy McNiff.
Hospital/Rehab: Jeff Gillette (Duke)

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 was held at BMPC on October 15, 2025.

We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Carol Elam upon her death on October 7, 2025. A service was held at BMPC on October 18, 2025.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11 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 10 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 10 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o'clock hour.

Kids & Youth Connect

KIDS CONNECT

In place of Kids Connect, we will be participating in Rise Against Hunger as a church family beginning after the 11:10 service.

Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday with Little Friends at 10:15 in the youth suite. We'll be learning about Noah and how "God is a God We Can Trust!"

If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group is 5-7 PM tonight for everyone in grades 6-12. Meet in the Youth Suite for fun, fellowship, food and faith formation!
High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.

If you have any questions about youth events, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Jan Lindstrom, Burt Ozment, Bob Flygar, Joan Bruno, Hope Dugenske, Hardin Freberg
(11:10 AM) Head Ushers: Frank Dean, Don & Brenda Hiscott, Sara James Reinemann, Ryan Ciccone, John Cates.

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

Bible study groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

Book of Matthew Fall Bible Study: Wednesday, October 22 at 10:30 AM, Cornerstone Conference Room. Led by Alice Herrington.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION

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