

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*

## March 8, 2026

# 90 Years ANNIVERSARY

*Remembering with Gratitude,  
Moving Forward in Faith*

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 3

One Service @ 10:30

All Church Picture

Church Family Meal

# Healing What's Within

Christ | Mystics | Music | Meaning  
2026 Lenten Series

### 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

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM

Livestream | 11:10 AM



## Gathering

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*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** *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN  
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. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

## The Praise of God

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**+Call to Worship** In the press of the crowd and the noise of life,  
**God is present.**  
In our weariness and quiet longing,  
**Christ draws near.**  
In small acts of courage and trembling faith,  
**Grace is at work.**  
Let us open our hearts to be touched by mercy.  
**Let us worship the God who heals.**

**+Hymn 490** *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

## Confessing

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

**Prayer of Confession** Gracious God, We confess that we often rush through life distracted and weary. We overlook your presence in ordinary moments. We hesitate to reach out in faith when we feel uncertain or afraid. Forgive us for the ways we close ourselves to your healing grace. Slow us down. Open our eyes. Give us courage to reach toward you, trusting that your mercy is already reaching towards us. Amen.

**Kyrie 577** *Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON  
**Lord, Have Mercy.**

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

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**Moment with Children** Pam Zell

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 (11:10 AM)** Gigi Wren Irwin, daughter of Kellyann and Chris Irwin.

**Hymn 482 (11:10 AM)** *Baptized in Water*  
**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.**

**Song of Illumination 577** *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.**

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Scripture Lesson	Mark 5:24-34 The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Holy Bible, page 917
Sermon	Healing What's Within, <i>Touched by Grace</i>	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Musical Meditation	<i>As the Deer</i> Liz Cox, soprano   Erin Shephard, alto	arr. Larson

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## 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, *Assoc. 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**                      Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Assoc. Pastor*

**Offertory Anthem**                      *O Christ, the Healer We Have Come*                      arr. Gieseke  
(9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) 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**                      (9 AM) Gena Smith (11:10 AM) Kacy Depenbrock

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## Departing

**+Hymn 314**                                      *Sometimes a Light Surprises*                                      SALLY GARDENS  
Stanza 1—All | Stanza 2—Women | Stanza 3—Men | Stanza 4—All

### +Benediction

**+Choral Benediction**                      *Peace*                                      a Shaker Tune arr. K. Siegfried  
(9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir

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

## Announcements

**Winter 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](mailto:aherrington7@gmail.com)) or Bill Berger ([bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com](mailto:bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com)).

**Save the Date, VBS 2026**, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

**Save the Date:** We look forward to celebrating Brownson's 90th Anniversary as a church family. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3 for **one** all together service at 10:30 AM, an all-church picture and family meal! More details coming soon!

**"Online Higher Grounds"** will appear in the Atrium today. This Zoom connection will allow you to meet and say hello to our Online Members. Please stop and introduce yourself. No technology experience required!

**2026 Habitat Apostle Build.** April 10 and 11 from 8 AM to 12 PM. Habitat has requested 6 volunteers/day. Sign up at [sandhillshabitat.org](http://sandhillshabitat.org). For further information contact Don Power at [donc6power@gmail.com](mailto:donc6power@gmail.com).

The **Sandhills Crop Hunger Walk** will be **Sunday afternoon March 29** at Union Pines High School. Check out how to register or donate at <https://events.crop hungerwalk.org/chw/event/sandhillsnc>.

Please join **Presbyterian Women** for a special gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 16, as we welcome renowned motivational speaker Janet Sue Rush, who will speak on "How to Enjoy Failure, Be Amused by Rejection, and Thrive on Stress." Fellowship and food at 9:30, during which non-seasonal note cards will be available, and program at 10 AM.

**Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, Sunday March 29, 10:15 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. Grab a coffee and donut and stop by!

## Music Notes

In addition to the beautiful leadership of our Chancel Choir each week, we look forward to several upcoming opportunities for others to share their gifts in worship:

**March 15** – Brownson Bell Choir rings in worship

**March 22** – Youth Choir sings in worship

**March 29 (Palm Sunday)** – Children's Choir leads the Procession of Palms  
Our youth and children are rehearsing weekly in preparation. Faithful attendance at rehearsal helps them prepare and offer their very best.  
Youth Choir rehearses Sundays at **4:15 PM**, Children's Choir rehearses Sundays at **5:00 PM**, Bell Choir rehearses Wednesdays at **5:45 PM** – new ringers are always welcome!

## Prayers and Praise

**Hospital/Rehab.**

Burt Ozment and Dick Kuehl– MRH

Jean Wallen– Quail Haven

Brenda Hiscott– Penick

## Serving Today

**Thank you to our Greeters serving today:**

**(9 AM)** Head Usher: Steve Brooks, Debbie Brooks, Frank Quis, Rick and Ruth Burgin, Duck and Shirley Ruffy.

**(11:10 AM)** Head Usher: Charles Harris, Wes Little, Ed Monroe, Michael and Sarah Garry.

## Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

*The Brownson's Men's Groups, Mom's Group and Presbyterian Women invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.*

**PW Circle 6**— Monday, March 9 at 10 AM, in Conference Room B.

**PW Circle 3**— Monday, March 9 at 11 AM, in Conference Room C.

**PW Circle 2**— Tuesday, March 10 at 10 AM, in Conference Room C.

**Mom's Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 PM in the Youth Suite. We are reading *Awake* by Jen Hatmaker. Join us for fellowship and discussion! Contact Erin Pollock with any questions at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

## Holy Week Schedule

### March 22 | 5th Sunday of Lent

Worship at 9 & 11:10 AM | Youth Choir  
Higher Grounds and Connect Groups at 10 AM

### March 29 | Palm Sunday

Worship at 9 & 11:10 AM  
Higher Grounds and Connect Groups at 10 AM  
Children's Choir and *Invite a Friend Sunday*

### April 2 | Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service and  
Confirmand Foot Washing at  
7 PM

### April 3 | Good Friday Service of Healing and Wholeness

12 PM

### April 5 | Easter Sunday

Worship at 9 & 11:10 AM  
Higher Grounds and Connect Groups at 10 AM

### May 3 | 90th Anniversary Celebration

One Service at 10:10 AM  
All Church Picture  
Church Family Meal

## Sunday Morning

### 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: 849 0052 9560, Passcode: 209651

**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 McNeil.

**Donuts and Devotionals**—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

### 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 Groups

### KIDS CONNECT

Join us for a night of fellowship at the bowling alley! Meet at Sandhills Bowling Center at 5 PM – pickup will be by 6:45. Please bring \$10 to bowl.

If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at [children@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:children@brownsonchurch.org).

### YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group is tonight 5-7 PM in the Youth Suite for everyone in grades 6-12. It's sardines night! Youth Choir rehearsal is today 4:15-5 PM in the sanctuary. High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

## 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](mailto:cschunk@guilford.edu)