

BROWNSON

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



February 22, 2023—6:00 PM

2023 Session of Brownsion

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom
Charlene Kinelski | Chris Jordan | David McNeill | David Wood | Dixie Parks | Don Branch | Don Power | John Bullard
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Sara Conti | Sara James | Scout Cain (Y) | Wesley Little (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

John Tyson—director of music ministries

Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions



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Gathering

Musical Meditation

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
David Jesse, piano

arr. Bill Wolaver

+Call to Worship

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor

Let us worship God.
God sent Christ into the world.
Not to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him.

God’s love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength,
a present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God’s love endures forever.

+Hymn 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
Verses 1, 3 & 4

WONDROUS LOVE

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of Your love and mercy You breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve You and neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for Your mercy; in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

“Pieta”
Talia Cieri, flute

Joseph Martin

The Word

Scripture

Joel 2:12-13

Sermon

Return To Me With All Your Heart

John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

+Hymn 422

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”
Verses 1, 2 & 3

CREATE IN ME

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Amen.

Litany of Penitence

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness.
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

We confess to you, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways to our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, O God

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, O God.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

Accept our repentance, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Hear us in this time of silent prayer.

Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

People come forward to receive the imposition of ashes. The minister marks the forehead of each person, saying:

Remember that you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.

If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand for a Pastor to come to you for the imposition of ashes.

+ Congregational Response

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of our Savior,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

+ Hymn 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Verses 1, 3 & 4

HAMBURG

+ Blessing and Charge

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



“Pieta”

In the shadow of a manger, by a candle’s dancing flame,
Tender Mary holds her baby, and she breathes His holy name.
“Jesus rest your weary head, close your weeping eyes.”
As evening falls, she starts to sing a lullaby.
“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.”

In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home,
Mary sees her child of wonder, and she marvels how He’s grown.
“Jesus rest your weary head, and think on gentle things.”
With loving arms she holds her Savior and she sings,
“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.”

In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky,
Mary gently cradles Jesus. Through her tears she says goodbye.
“Jesus rest your weary head. Your work on earth is done.”
And as the darkness falls, she whispers to her son,
“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight, peace be yours tonight.”

Schedule for Holy Week

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship In-Person

11:10 AM In-Person and Livestream

Thursday, April 6—Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service @ 7:00 PM In-Person and Livestream

Friday, April 7—Good Friday

Prayer Service @ 12:00 PM In-Person and Livestream

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

9:00 AM In-Person

11:10 AM In-Person and Livestream

Ushers Serving This Evening

Chris Jordan

Don & Joan Power