

# BROWNSON

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

**December 18, 2022**

**9 AM In Person**

**11:10 AM In Person and Online**



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**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

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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 as we would love to connect with you.*

**Prelude** "Es ist Ros' entsprungen" Daniel Burton  
Karen Lewis, violin | David Jesse, 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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**Lighting of the Advent Candle** (9:00) The Harris Family (11:10) The Depenbrock Family

**Advent Prayer** **Loving God, during this season of Advent, we pray that you would be our Mighty God. Fill our hearts with your vulnerable love this day. Amen.**

**+Hymn 87** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" GENEVAN 42

## Confessing

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**Call to Confession** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*  
**Prayer of Confession** **O Christ, you were born in a humble stable, because there was no room for you in the inn. Forgive us when we foolishly think that there is no room for you in our lives. When we close the doors of our hearts to your word, forgive us, and burst through them with your love. When we close the doors of our homes, our churches, and our cities to people you would have us welcome, forgive us Mighty God. Amen.**

**Kyrie 551**



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**

**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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**Anthem** "Oh Children Come" Joseph Martin  
Pam Zell, soprano | Matt Franks, tenor | Karen Lewis, violin

**Kids Music (9 AM)** "Stay Amazed" Black & Oden

**3-5th Grade Bible Presentation (9 AM)**

**Moment with Children (11:10 AM)**

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*  
children four to second grade may depart for Kids worship

**Song of Illumination** "Emmanuel" McGee  
**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.**  
(Cantor sings first, congregation joins on repeat)

**Scripture Lesson** Isaiah 9:6  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Mighty God John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**+Hymn 108** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM  
Vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5

+Please Stand

## Responding

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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

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

Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

### 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

"In Silence He Came"

Pam Zell | Soprano

Joseph Martin

### +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

(9:00) John Bullard (11:10) Shauna Lovin

## Departing

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### +Hymn 110

"Love Has Come"

BRING A TORCH

### +Benediction

### +Congregational Response

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!**  
**Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him;**  
**O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

### Congregational Meeting (11:10 AM)

Please remain seated for the brief Congregational Meeting following the 11:10 AM service.

### Postlude

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

Antonio Vivaldi

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

## Announcements

**2023 Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards** can be found in your pew, in the Narthex or the church office. It is not too late to submit your pledge online, by visiting: [brownsonchurch.org/giving](http://brownsonchurch.org/giving). You may also call in your pledge to our Bookkeeper, Tracy Kelly—910.692.6252.

**2022 Year End Giving** Year End Contributions must be received in the church office by **Thursday, December 29 at 1 PM** to be credited in 2022. You may drop your contribution in the lockbox at the tower door entrance to the Cornerstone building or in the locked mailbox in the front circle before 12/31/22. Any gifts postmarked by 12/31/22 will also be credited in 2022.

**New Member Meet & Greet:** January 22 @ 10:15 AM in the Cornerstone Building Conference Room. Join us to learn more about our vibrant and growing church.

**Congregational Meeting Today:** The purpose of this meeting will be to nominate the APNC for the Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Missions.

**PW Book Discussion** via Zoom on *Call Me a Woman—On our Way to Equality and Peace*, January 9, 6:30–8:30 PM. To participate, register at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice).

**PW 2023–24 Scholarship Applications** are available in church office or on PW webpage for Brownson members pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or divinity school degree. For details, contact Linda Webb—910.690.2919.

**PW Mission Fund** will award up to a total of \$3,000 to selected non-profit, outreach organizations. To nominate a deserving group, complete the Mission Project Application available in church office or on PW webpage. Deadline is January 15, 2023. For details, contact Sandra Olbon—910.603.4804.

## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### THE COALITION

**Gilmore Client Services—1500 Indiana Ave**

- Third Tuesday of each month 9 AM-11 AM
- Contact: Jan Lindstrom [mjlindstrom75@gmail.com](mailto:mjlindstrom75@gmail.com)

### THE FOOD BANK

- Second Tuesday of each month 9 AM-11 AM
- Contact: Bob McCall [rdm36@charter.net](mailto:rdm36@charter.net)

## Advent Calendar

**Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**9 & 11:10 AM** Services

**10 AM** Higher Grounds and Connect Groups

**3:30 PM** Caroling & Chili beginning at Penick Village

**Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

**4 PM** – Service for Families

**6 PM** – Service with Candlelight, Carols and Communion

**Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

One service @ **11:10 AM** – Hymn Sing

**Sunday, January 1—New Years Day**

One service @ **11:10 AM**

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### YOUTH

Please put January 8, 5-7 PM on your calendar! For our spring semester kickoff, we will be having a youth and parent meeting about summer opportunities in 2023 followed by dinner and youth vs. parents games. Registration info, cost, and event info will be shared so please plan to be there. In January we will begin the confirmation process. This process is typically completed by eighth grade students and seeks to help them learn about the church, explore their faith, work closely with a covenant partner, and, ultimately, become members of Brownson Church. If you are interested in receiving more information about the confirmation process please contact Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

### CHILDREN

Children and their families are invited to Caroling and Chili tonight beginning at 3:30 PM! We will meet at Penick Village, and spread Christmas Cheer through song in our community! It's always a fun event, so we hope you'll join us!

We invite you to join us for Christmas Eve, Christmas Sunday, and New Years Day where children and their families will worship together.

### ADULTS

**Theology on Tap**—This small group for men of the church meets on Wednesdays at Table on the Green at 6 PM.

**Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast** - This men's group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. Contact Bill Berger for more information.

**Women**—Bible study is offered through six different Circles. For information, contact Membership Leader Nancy Ahlfeld at 910.235.4646 or visit [brownsonchurch.org/pw](http://brownsonchurch.org/pw).

**The Ligon Bible Class**—This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM.

**The Living Word Today** (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 10 AM. Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

**Donuts and Devotionals** – Bring your coffee and donuts to Conference Room C at 10 AM as we discuss some of the most important stories in the New Testament.

## Serving Today

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

**9 AM** Head Usher: Cornelia Morris, Rick & Ruth Burgin, Lois Holt, Frank Quis, Bill Saylor

**11:10 AM** Head Usher: Wes Little, Gregg Allen, Bonnie Hanly, Ed Monroe, Jim Reid, Mickey Wilson

## Prayers and Praise

**Hospital/Rehab:** Fred Neunighoff (MRH), Norma Kilpatrick (Quail Haven)