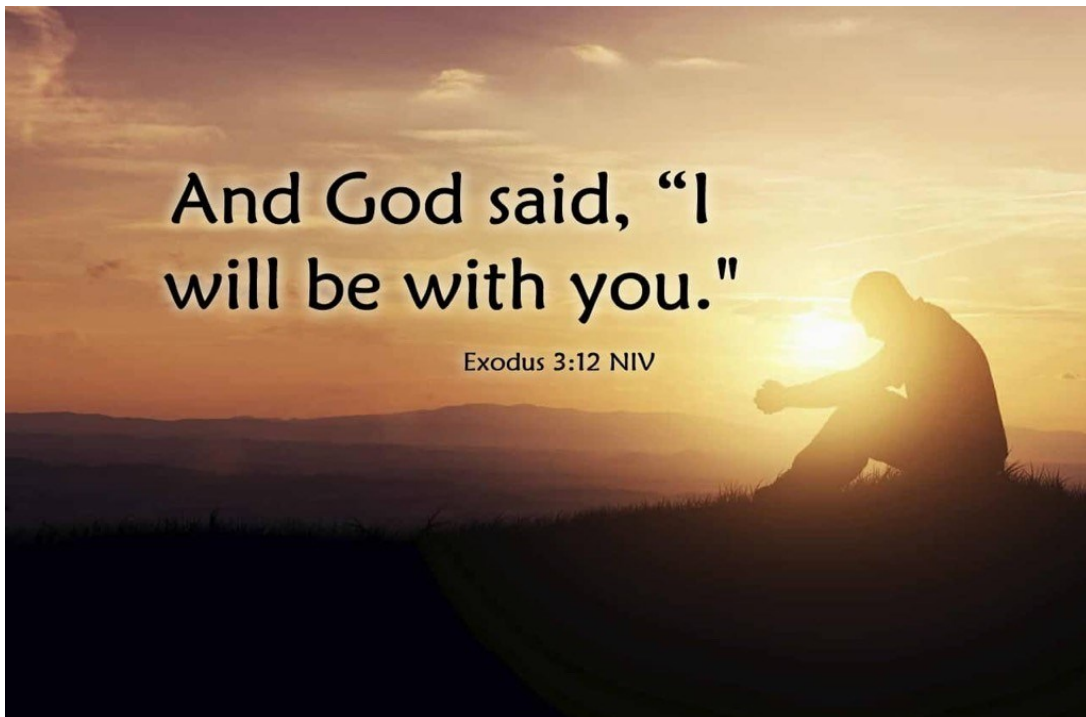


BROWNSON

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

September 3, 2023



2023 Session of Brownson

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
Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Larry Riggan | Lee Pittman | Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Ciccone
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
Matt Franks—interim music director
Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 10:00 AM
Livestream | 10:00 AM



Gathering

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 "All Glory Be to God on High" arr. Joseph Prentiss
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 Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

Minute for Mission Kids' Worship Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship We gather as the body of Christ.
We are many individuals, but together we are one.
Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role,
But all of us proclaim Jesus Christ is the Messiah!

+Hymn 406 "We Are Standing On Holy Ground" HOLY GROUND
1st Round, Soloist | 2nd Round, Congregation

Confessing

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them. 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 four to second grade may depart for Kids Worship

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

Exodus 3:1-15
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon	I Will Be With You	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 69	"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"	HERE I AM

Responding

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Rev. John Hage

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus (Hymn 559) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Mystery of Faith **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.**

Words of Institution The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**
Sharing of the Elements *The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*

Prayer after Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Lord, Here I Am" John Ness Beck
Charlie Taylor, Solo

+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 Art Edgerton

Departing

+Hymn 49 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

+Benediction

+Congregational Response "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" DENNIS
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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

Postlude "Toccata in F" Gene Clark
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

Announcements

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God by Franklin and Martha Butler in honor of their 51st Wedding Anniversary.

Sunday, September 10—Traditional Service Hours

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

Lemonade on the Lawn, Sunday, September 10 immediately following the 11:10 AM service. Join us on the lawn by the BLC for fellowship as we welcome our new members.

Children: We are excited to kick off our Fall Kids Programs on Sunday, September 10 with Kids Worship at 9:00 AM, Brownson Connect Groups in conjunction with Higher Grounds at 10:00 AM, Family Worship at 11:10 AM and a night of fun beginning at 5:00 PM. Our parent meeting will follow the next week on September 17. We hope you'll be a part of the fun with our Brownson Kids family!

Youth: Youth group kickoff is coming up on Sunday, September 10, 5-7 PM. Parents, join us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, followed by an important parent meeting. Youth will be playing games and doing tie dye on Brownson Youth swag. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and shoes you can run around in! The middle school half-nighter is on Friday, September 15, 6-11 PM. Talk to Erin or check email to RSVP for this fun, middle school only night.

2024 Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting – Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to witness the events of the Gospels? We will go where the events of the Bible took place – the Holy Land. Join us on **September 10 at 12:15 PM** in Fellowship Hall to learn more about this once in a lifetime trip! Lunch will be provided.

Enlightening Conversations: Communities Uniting Against Racism – Join the conversation with other Moore County neighbors as we discuss issues pertaining to race in an inclusive and loving environment. Learn more and register for this exciting program by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SFFEC2023>. Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom, **beginning September 12** through November 14.

PW Presbyterian Woman Membership Information: Inquiries & Registration: Linda Hamel, Membership Chair, llwhamel@gmail.com
September 18—PW meeting at 11:00 AM, followed by a luncheon. Gail Cameron will be introducing *Sacred Encounters*, the new bible study for the new year.

Sunday, September 24—Only one service **at 11:10 AM** because of the church retreat. | Higher Grounds will be closed. | Some Brownson Connect Groups will be at 10 AM.

The **Visitation Ministry September Bulletin** is available to share with members of our community. We hope that they may find joy in this abbreviated material that reminds them of the church, worship and God's Word. The bulletins are on the coffee table in the narthex. There are additional copies at the church office.

Rise Against Hunger: Brownson is excited to host our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on **Sunday, October 1** in Fellowship Hall right after the 11:10 AM service. We are excited to pack 25,000 meals on the 25th Anniversary of Rise Against Hunger for distribution to those in need around the world. This has been a very exciting event for the entire church in past years, and it is a wonderful inter-generational service project for our entire Congregation. All ages are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided, with the food packing to follow. Please sign up online: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/> Brownson. Your RSVP is critical, so we ensure we have lunch for all!

Announcements

Brownson Buddies Volunteers – Would you like to make a difference in the life of a third-grade student at Southern Pines Elementary School? Our Brownson Buddies reading program is kicking off again this October! If you're interested in volunteering one hour per week, please contact Austin Vernon at discipleship@brownsonchurch.org or Sara Conti at sara.conti76@gmail.com

Family Promise—Volunteers Needed

- Assisting homeless women with children
- Volunteer to provide a meal or serve as an overnight host
- Dates: Oct 23–26

Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION:

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

TWO DROP OFF LOCATIONS: Baskets in the narthex or Starbucks Drive-Thru - Taylortown.

Contact Austin Vernon, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Second Tuesday of the month, 9 AM—11 AM
- Sign up to Volunteer on September 12, October 10,
- Contact: Bob McCall, rdm36@charter.net

Adults

SUNDAY MORNING CONNECT GROUPS

The Living Word Today (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 9 AM.

Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room B at 9 AM.

Women of the Way – This women's connect group focuses on spiritual practices that encourage us to live out our faith in deeper ways. The first study will be on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. All women are invited to join the conversation in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 10 AM! Led by Alice Herrington. **Begins Sep 10.**

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Ezra Quesenberry (Chapel Hill), John McPhaul (St. Joseph of the Pines)

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

10:00 Head Usher: Anita Emery, Sara James, Frank Quis, Alex & Susan Bowness, Marjorie Heffner, Ginger Monroe, Janie Monroe