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

# November 1, 2026



Messengers by Elise Ritter

**2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON**

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
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Ruth Burgin | Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (Y)

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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
**Amy Shortt**—director of music ministries

**330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387**
**www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252**
**Sunday Worship | 10:30 AM**
**Livestream | 10:30 AM**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

## 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 write legibly.***

**Chiming of the Hour**

**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*

**Minute for Mission** Joyfully Alive — Lisa Hughes, *Elder*

**Intro to *Son of God Mass*** Amy Shortt, *Director of Music Ministries and organist*

**Opening Voluntary** *Choral, Op. 37, No. 4* — Joseph Jongen
Timothy Belk, guest organist

## The Praise of God

**+Call to Worship**
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
**Who made heaven and earth.**
In life and in death
**We belong to God.**
Baptized into Christ's death
**We live unto Him.**
Come, let us Worship God!

**+Hymn 326** *For All the Saints* — SINE NOMINE

## Confessing

**Call to Confession** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

**Prayer of Confession**
**God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Though they have marked well the path of faith, following in that way is hard for us. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect, just forgiven, and saved by grace. We ask for that forgiveness, and we pray for the courage to trust in that grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**INTROIT AND KYRIE from *Son of God Mass*** James Whitbourn
The Brownson Chancel Choir |Michael Stephenson, soprano saxophonist

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| *Kyrie eleison* | Lord, have mercy. |
| *Christe eleison* | Christ, have mercy. |
| *Kyrie eleison* | Lord, have mercy. |

*silence*

**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)**

**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.

**+Please stand if you are able**

**All Saints' Litany** Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

(adapted from a Litany by the Rev. Fran Pratt)

Loving God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;
**We lament their passing, and honor their legacy.**
**We give thanks for all we have learned from them.**
Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,
**We follow their example.**
Those who made mistakes along the way,
**We learn from their experience.**
Those who made progress for peace,
**We continue their work.**
Those who lived simply and quietly,
**We are enlightened by them.**
Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,
**We are humbled by them.**
They have finished their work on earth, yet it lives on,
reverberating into our lives as the work of Christ lives on.
May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us to good works, humility, simplicity and Peace making, as those foremothers and forefathers were inspired by Christ to live in grace and love. Amen.

**Reading of Necrology** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

## The Proclamation of the Word

**KYRIE MEDITATION AND GLORIA from *Son of God Mass*** James Whitbourn

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| *Gloria in excelsis Deo*. | Glory to God in the highest. |
| *Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis* | And on earth peace to all those of good will. |
| *Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te*. | We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. |
| *Glorificamus te*. | We glorify thee. |
| *Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.* | We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory. |
| *Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,* | Lord God, Hevenly King, |
| *Deus Pater omnipotens*. | God the Father almighty. |
| *Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.* | Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. |
| *Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.* | Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. |
| *Qui tollis peccata mundi,* | Thou who takest away the sins of the world, |
| *Miserere nobis.* | Have mercy upon us. |
| *Qui tollis peccata mundi,* | Thou who takest away the sins of the world, |
| *Suscipe deprecationem nostram.* | Receive our prayer. |
| *Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,* | Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, |
| *Miserere nobis.* | Have mercy upon us. |
| *Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus.* | For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord. |
| *Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.* | Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ. |
| *Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris* | With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. |
| *Amen.* | Amen. |

**Scripture Lesson**

**Matthew 5:1-12** Holy Bible, page 882
**Revelation 7:9-17** Holy Bible, page 1124
The Word of the Lord
**Thanks be to God.**

**+Please stand if you are able**

**+Hymn 375** *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE, arr. Ferguson

## Responding

**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table** Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

The Lord be with you.
**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.**

**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** As you are passing the plate, please say this to your neighbor:
*The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*
**(All bread served today is Gluten-Free)**
**(If you have difficulty passing the plate, please raise your hand when an elder comes to serve your pew, and they will bring the elements directly to you)**

**LAVA ME from *Son of God Mass*** James Whitbourn

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| *Credo in unum Deum.* | I believe in one God. |
| *Lava me Domine.* | Cleanse me, Lord. |
| *Sursum corda.* | Lift up your hearts. |
| *Habemus ad Dominum.* | We lift them up to the Lord. |
| *Dignum et iustum es.* | It is right to give him thanks and praise. |

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS from *Son of God Mass*** James Whitbourn

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| *Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus sabaoth*. | Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. |
| *Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.* | Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. |
| *Hosanna in excelsis.* | Hosanna in the highest. |
| *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini:* | Blessed is he that commeth in the name of the Lord: |
| *Hosanna in excelsis.* | Hosanna in the highest. |

**Prayer after Communion**

**Invitation to the Offering** Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**PAX DOMINI, AGNUS DEI, AND AMEN from *Son of God Mass*** James Whitbourn

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| *Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.* | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,* | Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, |
| *miserere nobis.* | Have mercy on us. |
| *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,* | Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, |
| *Dona nobis pacem.* | Grant us peace. |
| *Amen.* | Amen. |

## Departing

**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary** *Organ Symphony V, Op. 42 No.1—Toccata* Charles-Marie Widor
Timothy Belk, guest organist

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

**Brenda Litton**—November 15, 2025

**Sammy Hill**—December 1, 2025

**Eugene Good**—December 20, 2025

**Gladys Britt**—December 21, 2025

**Dan Bennett**—December 22, 2025

**James Kennedy**—February 8, 2026

**Gladys Willer**—March 8, 2026

**Richard Kuehl**—March 18, 2026

**Lois Holt**—March 26, 2026

**Joyce Stutts**—April 8, 2026

**Martha Butler**—May 8, 2026

**Fred Monroe**—May 23, 2026

**Dick Rice**—May 31, 2026

**Dee Fordree**—May 25, 2026

**Jim Irvin**—June 7, 2026

**Nancy Reams**—July 2, 2026

**Katherine Ewing**—July 3, 2026

**Tom Nacca**—August 2, 2026

**Mike Conry**—August 5, 2026

**Hank Wallace**—August 10, 2026

**Jean Wallen**—August 23, 2026

**Robert Fitch**—October 4, 2026

**May Fitch**—October 10, 2026

**Mary Foster**—October 10, 2026

**Marjorie Waters**—October 20, 2026

**This represents the deaths of our members since 11.02.25**

# Grief and Support Resources

On this All Saints Sunday, we recognize that grief is a part of the human journey. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one or walking alongside someone who is, you do not have to walk this journey alone.

There are resources and support groups in our community that offer care, understanding, and connection. Below are several options. Please reach out to **Elizabeth or John** if you would like more information or help finding a support group.

## Local Support Resources

- **Spouse Loss Support Group** — FirstHealth Hospice, Second Tuesday of each month, 2:00–3:00 p.m. For those whose spouse has died within the past three years.

- **General Grief Support Group** — FirstHealth Hospice, First Tuesday of each month, 2:00–3:00 p.m. For those grieving the loss of a parent, relative, sibling, or friend.

- **Men Grieve, Too** — FirstHealth Hospice, First Wednesday of each month. A support group for men who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

  *FirstHealth Hospice groups meet at 251 Campground Road, West End. Call 910-715-6000 for information.*

- **Al-Anon** — Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Conference Room B, Fridays, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Support for those affected by another person's alcoholism.

- **Search and Recover** — Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Conference Room B Thursdays and Fridays, 7:00–9:00 p.m. Support for those struggling with addiction.

- **Still Us Foundation** — Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church ,Fourth Thursday of each month, 2:30–4:30 p.m. Support for people living with brain change, care partners, and healthcare workers.

**You are not alone. There is care, support, and community available to you.**

# Announcements

**Note for Families** - At Brownson, we believe that *to wiggle is to worship!* Children are a joyful and important part of our life together, and we welcome them fully in worship- wiggles, movement, noise, and simply being the children they were created to be. We invite you to relax and feel at home as it's a joy to worship God together!

**2027 Stewardship Campaign—Joyfully Alive!** The kickoff to our 2027 Joyfully Alive Campaign will be Sunday, November 8. This week you will receive a letter and pledge card in the mail. Please save the date for Celebration Sunday on December 6 where we will bring our pledge cards forward along with canned goods to share with our friends at the Coalition for Human Care. To submit your pledge online, please use this QR code or visit brownsonchurch.org/give.

**The Presbyterian Women** will be selling note cards in the Atrium before and after worship each Sunday in November. Please plan to stop by for a package of eight of our Presbyterian Women artists original designs for $12.50. Proceeds support Mission initiatives.

# 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

# Serving Today

**Thank you to our Greeters serving today:**
**(10:30 AM)** Head Usher: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Bob Flygar, Peggy Flygar, Burt Ozment

# Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given by Crystal Blue dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Michael Howe who served as Director of Music Ministries at Brownson from 1997-2017.

**Celebrations:** The roses on the Baptismal Font, given by the Coleman Baby Rose Fund, is in celebration of the birth of John Norris Eddy, Jr. son of John and Alexis Eddy, grandson of Ben and Caroline Eddy, born on October 6, 2026 and the birth of Cooper Stanley Eddy, son of Matthew and Morgan Eddy, grandson of Ben and Caroline Eddy, born on October 25, 2026.

**Christian Sympathy** to Diane Westbrook upon the death of her brother Peter Thompson on October 27, 2026.

**Hospital/Rehab**: Arnold Seawell– MRH
Rosa Tucker– MRH

# Linger with Lemonade

Join us for an informal time of connection outside the Sanctuary after church for some lemonade and fellowship as we head out into our week following worship at 11:30 AM.

# Sunday Morning Offerings Location Guide

**The Living Word Today**—Room A
**Ligon Class**—Room B
**Donuts and Devotionals**—Room C
**It Takes a Village**—Cornerstone Library
**Another Chapter** - Cornerstone Conference Rm.
**Grow, Discover & Shine**—Children PreK-5th Grade—Ed. Building
**Faith Lab** - Youth Suite

# Kids & Youth Connect Groups

**KIDS CONNECT**

Just a reminder that Kids Connect programs do not meet tonight. We look forward to gathering together again next week! If you have questions about kids programs, please contact Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

**YOUTH CONNECT**

Youth group is tonight 5-7 PM in the youth suite! High School Bible Study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. Faith Lab is Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 AM in the youth suite. For more information about Brownson Youth please contact Erin, youth@brownsonchurch.org.

# Music Notes

We extend our sincere gratitude to guest organist Timothy Belk and soprano saxophonist Michael Stephenson for sharing their gifts with us in worship today. Special appreciation goes to our Brownson Chancel Choir, whose dedication to this challenging work has been extraordinary. They have met its demands with skill, perseverance, and a generous spirit, growing not only as musicians but as a community of faith. Their commitment is a beautiful expression of music as both an offering of praise and an act of devotion.
Thank you,
Amy

# 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.*

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast—**Tuesday, November 3 at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets every first Wednesday at 3 PM in Conference Room C. We invite anyone who knits or crochets to join us.

**PW Circle 4**— Thursday, November 5 at 10:15 AM, in Conference Room B.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Michael Howe



This musical presentation is dedicated in loving memory of Michael Howe, who served as director of music ministries and organist at Brownson Memorial from 1997 to 2017. Howe died in 2020, at his home in Hamlet, following several occurrences of cancer over a 10-year period. He grew up in Hamlet and started playing the organ for church at age 13. He graduated from East Carolina University as their first organ performance major. His successful music career took him all over North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

## *In Memoriam*

*by Susan Palo Cherwien*

They lived.
Their lives vibrate in our bones.
Their memories reside in our cells.

They lived.
Their footsteps ring beneath our feet.
Their voices are alive in the walls.
Their light lights our way.
We are not alone.

They lived.
The procession
spirals and winds
before us.

They, the vanguard
their songs on our lips
their poems in our hearts.
Their wisdom, our guide
their failings our warning
we do not travel alone
the procession winds
and spirals
around us
deeper,
deeper
into God.

They, the forerunners
deeper,
deeper
into God –
the procession
home.