

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

August 2, 2026



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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 | 10:30 AM

Livestream | 10:30 AM



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.

Kirkin' O' Tartans

Highlands Cathedral

Air Roever and Korb (1982)

William Caudill, bagpiper | 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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

We gather together this day

Kelli Garbett, Director of Children and their Families

With minds that are restless.

We gather together this day

With hearts that are yearning.

We gather this day

With spirits that are seeking.

Holy Spirit, gather us in, with all that we bring, in your love.

+Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor

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. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on

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

Moment with Children

Sara Conti and Carol Haney

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.

Song of Illumination 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,**And all these things shall be added unto you..****Allelu, alleluia!**

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Holy Bible, page 29

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wrestling for a Blessing

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor

+Hymn 626

As the Deer

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Sing 2 times

Responding

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jeff Gillette

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

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

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)

Musical Meditation

My Jesus I Love Thee

arr. Forest

Liz Cox, soprano

Prayer after Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Offertory

Amazing Grace

New Britain

William Caudill, bagpiper

+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

Jeff Ward

Departing

+Hymn 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

+Blessing of the Tartans

Don McLeod

+Benediction

Postlude

Scotland the Brave

Traditional The Rowan Tree Carolina Oliphant – Lady Nairn

William Caudill, bagpiper | Amy Shortt, organ

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

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!

Summer Giving - As you travel this summer, please consider continuing your giving while you are away. We tend to see a decline in giving, while our expenses remain the same. You can do this through our website: brownsonchurch.org/give and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



Kirkin' of the Tartans—The American tradition of **Kirkin' of the Tartans** was initiated by Rev. Peter Marshall at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. During WWII, Rev. Marshall was a Scot and used the Kirkin' to raise funds for the British war effort. The St. Andrew's Society of Washington D.C. conducted the Kirkin' which is now held annually at the National Cathedral. Thanks to the St. Andrew's Society of NC for conducting this service. Presbyterian Churches across the country, including Brownson, have continued this tradition in celebration of our Scottish heritage.

Save the Date!

SEPTEMBER 13

All Together Initiative
Tell Me A Story Event and
Programmatic Year Kickoff

One service at
10:30 AM
with a church family
potluck following worship.

During the lunch,
we will gather
at the table for a
Tell Me A Story time.

*Please bring a
covered dish to share!*

During the potluck lunch, we will gather at the table for a *Tell Me A Story* time. We will have conversations about when we have seen Brownson at its best and discuss moments that reveal the church's DNA and core values. We look forward to you joining us for this special time in the All Together Initiative process.

American Red Cross Mobile Blood Drive: There is a critical shortage of blood supply in our area, so the Red Cross will be in Brownson's Ashe Street Parking Lot with their Mobile blood unit on Friday, August 7 from 12:30-5 PM. Please consider donating blood during this critical time.

5th Annual Church Retreat- All are invited to join us for the Brownson Church Retreat Nov. 13-15 at Caraway Conference Center. The theme for this year's retreat is **"Bind Us Together"** and will be woven through



preaching, discussion, music, recreation, fellowship and creative offerings. We also welcome back Rev. Ernie Thompson as the retreat speaker. Rev. Thompson is a retired PC(USA) pastor who served congregations in Greensboro and Wilmington during his ministry. ALL ARE WELCOME! Registration is open

and can be found on the Brownson website. Any questions can be brought to Kelli Garbett or Erin Pollock.

The Congregational Care Committee will be hosting **Lemonade on the Lawn** on Sunday, August 9 following worship.

The Adult Discipleship Team invites you to a Dinner Conversation!

All are invited to a Taco Bar dinner in Fellowship Hall on August 26 at 5 PM. Beginning at 5:30 PM, childcare will be available in the Education building for kids up to 5th grade.

Following dinner, we will hear from Dr. Mark Chaves from Duke Divinity School. Dr. Chaves is a professor of sociology and religion who will lead us in a conversation on the religious landscape of America in the 21st century. He will discuss current trends in church life and the forces shaping participation in religious institutions. We hope you will join us as we learn together and consider how Brownson might continue to grow and serve in the time in which we live.

Registration is available on the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Adult Discipleship Ministry Team Chair, Bill Berger, at bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com, or Rev. Elizabeth Doolin at elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org.

Still Us - August 27, September 24, October 22, 2:30-4PM in Conference Room A: Join Dr. Karen Sullivan for three community gatherings to learn about the exciting progress of the Still Us Foundation and discover meaningful ways to get involved in creating a more dementia-inclusive community. Whether you're simply curious or ready to volunteer, everyone is welcome!

Sunday, August 9, is "Move Up Sundae!" Not only will the kids move to their new classrooms for nursery and Kids Worship, but we will also celebrate with delicious Ice Cream Sundaes following worship. Please reach out to Kelli at chidren@brownsonchurch.org if you have any questions about your child's class!

Music Notes

The choir will take a well-deserved break during August and will resume on **Kickoff Sunday, September 13**. Stay tuned for more details—and if you joined us this summer, we hope you'll continue singing with us whenever you can!

We welcome Bill Caudill to Brownson. Bill Caudill is a member of the St. Andrews Society of North Carolina and has resided in the Sandhills since 1989 after graduating from St. Andrews Presbyterian College (now St. Andrews University) in Laurinburg. He later received his graduate degree in Folklore from UNC Chapel-Hill. He is Founder and Director of The Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews where he serves as historian and folklorist and instructs the university pipe band and drum corps as well as local and regional private students in piping. He is also the founder and chairman of the Scotland County Highland Games held annually on the first weekend of October in Laurinburg. He has played the bagpipe for 49 years and currently serves as President of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association as well as being a fully certified member of their judges' panel.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Marjorie Heffner, Kelley J. Kibler, Chris Kibler, Mary Hamblen

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God in celebration of our 63rd wedding anniversary on July 26. Given by Bill and Fran Dixon.