

Prelude *Fugue in D* arr. William Goodwin

Amy Shortt, organ

News of the Church Alive

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Call to Worship

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We come seeking ground that will hold us fast.

We come to be rooted in Christ.

In a world that divides and names others as strangers,

We remember that we belong to God and to one another..

Let us worship the One who makes us whole.

Let us give thanks and praise to God!

Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Stanzas 1, 4 and 5

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Sue Hudson

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we forget who we are and to whom we belong. We allow fear to take root instead of trust, and we cling to winning rather than loving. We draw lines where you offer grace, and we label others as “other” instead of kin. Forgive us when we become uprooted from your love. Plant us again in Christ—rooted in mercy, built up in hope, and strengthened to live as your grateful people. Amen.

Kyrie



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

Passing of the Peace The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Though we worship apart today, we invite you to pass the peace—share Christ’s peace in your home, in the Facebook chat, or by reaching out to someone with a word of grace.

Song of Illumination *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 2: 1-6

Holy Bible, page 1075

Luke 10: 25-37

Holy Bible, page 948

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Moved with Compassion

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Stanzas 1 and 4

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Dr. Sue Hudson

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 Pilot, 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

GREATOR EX

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Sue Hudson

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 Brownsonchurch.org/give

Offertory Hymn 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

Stanzas 1 and 3

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on HYFRYDOL

arr. Lasky

Announcements

The importance of Chancel Flowers. Chancel Flowers are dedicated by our members to the Glory of God in honor or memory of loved ones. Their beauty graces our sanctuary as part of worship. On Monday, they are made into small bouquets by our Flower Ministry Team and delivered to our members who may be sick, in the hospital or grieving in some way and they will continue to enjoy their beauty and Brownson fellowship. The 2026 Chancel Flower calendar is posted in the Atrium. Sign up on the calendar or at www.brownsonchurch.org/ Chancel Flower Sign Up.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Wednesday of each month at 3 PM in Conference Room C. We invite anyone who knits or crochets to join us.

Winter Bible Study – Join us for the Book of Matthew Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. If you have questions or need information, please contact Alice Herrington (aherrington7@gmail.com) or Bill Berger (bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com).

The Congregational Care and Connection Team is putting together a “Dine Around” starting in February. Through “Dine Around,” Brownson members will get together for monthly meals in small groups. Members will be placed in groups of 8 to get together once a month for 4 months at each other’s homes, restaurants, parks, or wherever the host for the month chooses. It is a fun and easy way to get to know one another! The signup deadline is February 8. Call or email Ann Edgerton to sign up or reach out if you have questions: annkedgerton@gmail.com. (910)638-8260.

Lenten Small Groups are on the way! Titled “Healing What’s Within: Coming Home, Mystics, Music and Meaning,” this year’s series begins the week of February 22. These small groups are an incredible way to build community within the church while diving deeply into God’s Word. To sign up visit: brownsonchurch.org/registration. For information, please contact Bill Berger at: bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com.

Save the Date. VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

Pancake Breakfast- Join us in Fellowship Hall on February 22 in between the Sunday morning services for the annual Brownson Youth Pancake Breakfast. This event is a fundraiser to support the youth’s summer trips but there is no cost to attend. Come to support Brownson Youth and stay for the fellowship and delicious food!

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 22 immediately following the 11:10 AM service. The purpose of this meeting is to share our Annual Report, 2026 Budget and to vote on the Terms of Call for Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin.

Save the Date: We look forward to celebrating Brownson’s 90th Anniversary as a church family. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3 for **one** all together service at 10:30 AM, an all-church picture and a family meal!
More details coming soon!

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

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 AM services, Brownson has a full service nursery for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to welcome your children. The nursery is located in the Education Building. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children at both services to join Kids Worship. Parents, if your child is participating, please fill out a Brownson Kids sticker for each child, place it on them before they come to the front. Stickers are in the pews.

ADULT GROUPS

The Living Word Today— Non-partisan current events are discussed each Sunday morning using *The Wired Word* curriculum with Biblical references. Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM. Led by Don and Linda Branch.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o’clock hour.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

Two of our milestones kicked off today! If you have a 2nd grader, we will meet at 10:15 as we begin exploring Worship and Communion. If you have a 3rd grader, we will meet at 3:30 as we begin our Bible Discovery. Kids Connect meets at 5:00 tonight for Duct Tape Night!

If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group tonight is 5-7 PM in the youth suite for everyone in grades 6-12. High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:15 AM at Pine Scone Southern Pines.

If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

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, February 3, 7 AM at Sizzlin’ Steak & Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

PW Circle 4 - Tuesday, February 5, at 10 AM, in Conference Room C.

Brownson Moms Book Club – Wednesday, February 11, 7 PM, Youth Suite. Please join us as we discuss *Ordinary Time* by Annie B. Jones. Contact Elizabeth Doolin at Elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org with questions.