

BROWNSON

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

January 1, 2023

11:10 AM In Person and Online



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

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 "He Is Born" arr. Don Phillips
David Jesse, piano

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*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Listen up, everyone!
God has given us work to do.
God has called each of us before we were even born.
It was God who named us.
It is God who claims us.
The light of God's love shines in us.
Let's shine God's love into all the world!

+Hymn 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

Confessing

Call to Confession Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*
Prayer of Confession Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. 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

Moment with Children

Song of Illumination "Open My Eyes that I May See" OPEN MY EYES
Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God they will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!
(Cantor sings first, congregation joins on repeat)

Scripture Lesson James 1:5
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Power of Listening Hannah Ostlund, *Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Student*

+Hymn 452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart" OPEN THE EYES

+Please Stand

Responding

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

"The Work of Christmas"

Dan Forrest

Small Ensemble

+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

Ryan Ciccone

Departing

+Hymn 410

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

W ZLOBIE LEZY

+Benediction

+Choral Response

"Go Ye Now in Peace"

Joyce Ellers

Postlude

David Jesse

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

Announcements

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.

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.

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.

January 2, 2023 the church office will be closed for the New Year's holiday.

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
mjvindstrom75@gmail.com

THE FOOD BANK

- Second Tuesday of each month 9-11 AM
- Contact: Bob McCall rdm36@charter.net

BROWNSON BUDDIES

Join us for after school homework help one day/week at Southern Pines Elementary, assisting 4th-graders with basic math and reading. To sign up, contact Austin Vernon, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org.

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YOUTH

Youth programs will resume on January 8.

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.

CHILDREN

Children's programs will resume on January 8.

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.

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:

11:10 AM Head Usher: Scott Absher, Chuck Davis, Will Herring, Lee Pittman