

BROWNSON

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

August 23, 2026

Andemos

WALKING TOGETHER



Micah 6:8 | Let us walk humbly with our God.



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

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
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.

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King
Hunter Monroe, piano

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Peru Mission Trip

Rev. John Hage and Pat Smith

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

Come, let us walk together in the presence of God.
We come with our hopes and our questions, our joys and our burdens.
God has called us to walk in the way of love.
We will open our hearts to one another and to God.
Jesus walks beside us, even when we do not recognize him.
We will look for Christ along the road.
The Spirit goes before us, and among us.
Let us walk together as the people of God.
Come, let us worship God.
Andemos. Let us walk together.

+Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

God of the journey, you have never stopped calling us to walk with you and with one another. Yet we confess that we often choose our own paths. We walk ahead without noticing those who are struggling behind us. We walk past people whose voices we do not understand. We sometimes listen only for what we want to hear. Forgive us when we forget that we are not meant to walk alone. Open our eyes to see those beside us. Open our ears to hear voices we have overlooked. Open our hearts to receive what others have to teach us. Teach us to slow down, to listen, to make room, and to walk together. Give us the courage to follow where Christ leads and the grace to recognize that you are already present along the way. 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

Blessing of the Backpacks

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.

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	Isaiah 40:28-31 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 655
Sermon	Andemos: Walking Together	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 43	<i>On Eagles' Wings</i>	ON EAGLES WINGS

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.	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> 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.	GREATOREX

Prayers of the People

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.
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Invitation to the Offering

Solo	<i>The 23rd Psalm</i> Matt Franks, tenor	Malotte
+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH
+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Ryan Morrison	

Departing

+Hymn 726	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	KELVINGROVE
+Benediction		
+Congregational Response 80	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	THE TREES OF THE FIELD
Choir:	You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth before you; There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands;	
Congregation:	And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; The trees of the field will clap their hands; *(clap, clap) The trees of the field will clap their hands; *(clap, clap) While you go out with joy.	

Postlude	Amy Shortt, organ
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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!

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.

Shoe Drive: It's that time of year again...Children are heading back to school so we're holding our **3rd Annual Shoe Drive for Northern Moore Family Resource Center** in Robbins. We're setting an ambitious goal of 200 pairs of new gym shoes for students ages 4-18! We'll be collecting each Sunday through September! Watch for collection containers in the Narthex and Atrium.

Mid-Year Financial Forum: Please join us **on Sunday, August 30 at 11:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall for our Mid-Year Financial Forum. Leaders of the Stewardship Ministry Team will be on hand to provide Brownson's first half of 2026 financial review.

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 *Continuity and Change in American Religion* 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.

We are excited to tell you about our new partnership with Boys and Girls Club Trinity Center, located in the old Southern Pines Elementary School. Choose your day(s), Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, and your choice of activities, not just academics. If your love is tutoring, you can sign up for Power Hour, 2:45-3:45, to assist with learning activities, reading and homework help. If you want something different, you can sign up for the activities hour, 3:30-4:30, which includes crafts, games, etc. Contact Caryl Schunk, 336-312-2216, or Sara Conti, 937-725-3016 for more details.

Still Us - August 27, September 24, October 22, 2:30-4 PM 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, all are welcome!

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of this new school year and the gift of a fresh start. We pray over our children today as they head into the classrooms, hallways, and friendships that will shape this season of their lives.

We ask that you go with them and walk beside them.

Give them courage when things feel uncertain. Give them kindness when they see someone left out. Give them joy in the moments that may feel mundane.

Help them to be a light in their school - not because they're perfect, but because they know they are loved by You. May their confidence be rooted not in grades, friends, or achievements - but in who You say they are: chosen, known, and dearly loved. Protect their hearts, guard their minds, and remind them they're never alone.

In Jesus' name - Amen.



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.

TELL ME A STORY

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.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Tom Nacca by Claire and the Nacca family.

Celebrations: The rose on the Baptismal Font, given by the Coleman Baby Rose Fund, is in celebration of the birth of Luke Emmanuel Munroe McNeill, son of Mary Virginia McNeill and grandson of Mary Margaret and Larry McNeill, born on August 8, 2026.

Service info for Katharine Ewing: A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, August 29 at 11 AM with a reception, hosted by Martha's Friends, immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Steve Brooks, Debbie Brooks, Frank Quis, Rick Burgin, Ruth Burgin, Duck Rufty, Shirley Rufty.