

Announcements

90 Years of Grace: God’s Faithfulness, Our Story
You’re invited to be part of this year’s Stewardship Campaign as we celebrate 90 years of God’s faithfulness to Brownson Church!
As we look to the future, we invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge of giving for the coming year. Your pledge is simply an estimate of giving—a tangible way to express gratitude and participate in God’s ongoing work through Brownson.
This year, your commitment is especially important as our ministry expenses have increased. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and online at www.brownsonchurch.org/registration.
Join us for Commitment Sunday, on November 2, when we will joyfully bring our pledges forward in worship as an act of faith and thanksgiving.
Thank you for your generosity and for helping us continue the story of God’s grace at Brownson Church!

Trunk or treat will be this Sunday, October 26, from 4 PM- 6 PM. Come join in the fun in the Mass. Ave. Parking lot.
All Saints Evensong Service: Sunday, November 2, 4 PM, Brownson Sanctuary-November 2 is All Saints Sunday, in which we honor the lives of the saints of Brownson who have joined the great cloud of witnesses. We will read aloud the names of our saints and toll a bell in their honor. This service also offers space for those who have lost a loved one to come together in worship. Please join us for this special service as we remember our saints and seek God’s peace through the power of worship

The Presbyterian Women will be selling note cards in the Atrium from 10-11 AM each Sunday in November. Please plan to stop by for a package of eight of our own Linda Bryant's original designs for \$12.50. Proceeds support Mission initiatives.
What Brownson means to me-As you leave church today, please take a moment to stop by the board located in the Atrium and add a note about what Brownson means to you!

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, Sunday October 26, 10:15 AM, Parlor-If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. Elizabeth Doolin and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership. Grab a coffee and donut and stop by!
Sunday, November 9 we will have **one** service at 11:10 AM so that our church staff can be at the church retreat. The Choir will be on hand as well as guest preacher Rev. Hannah G. Ostlund. We hope you will join us at Higher Grounds and Connect Groups at 10 AM with **one** worship service at 11:10 AM.

Join us today at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall for Brownson's Grace Gathering. Hosting will be Rev. John Hage. We hope you plan to be there and hear more about our 90 years of Grace | Our Story | God's Faithfulness.

Next Sunday, November 2 we end Daylight Saving Time and **fall back**. Please change your clocks before bed on Saturday to be on time for church on Sunday!

Music Notes

We are grateful to Cynthia Strickland and Edie Brown for sharing their talents with us on flute and cello. Cynthia is a former parish associate at Brownson. She is also a member of New Horizons Band in the Pines, playing at senior centers and retirement homes. Edie Brown is a sophomore in high school. She currently plays cello for the Triangle Youth Philharmonic in Raleigh. She is also a member of the Bravura Piano Quartet. Edie also accompanies the Carolina Youth Philharmonic. She studies under Elizabeth Beilman, associate principal cellist of the NC Symphony.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION
DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.
DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex
Questions? Contact Caryl Schunk, cschunk@guilford.edu..

Sunday Morning

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

CHILDREN and YOUTH
Kids, pre-K though grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children 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 Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.
Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

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

KIDS CONNECT
Join us this morning in the youth Suite at 10:15 for our 4th Sunday with Little Friends. We'll be learning about Noah and how "God is a God We Can Trust!" This is geared for ages 3 - 5, but younger and older siblings are always welcome!
Trunk or Treat is tonight from 4 - 6 PM. We hope you'll join us for this time of community fun and fellowship! No regular Kids Connect.
If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT
Today the youth are helping with Trunk or Treat 4-6 PM. There is no regular youth group.
High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.
If you have any questions about youth events, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:
(9 AM) Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Paula Zellers, Marjorie Heffner, Bill Zell, Kelley & Chris Kibler, Stu White, Mary Hamblen
(11:10 AM) Head Ushers: Don Power, Betsy Robinson, Anita Emery, Chan & Lucy Roberts, Susan Bowness, Pat Henry

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

Bible study groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.
Book of Matthew Fall Bible Study: Wednesday, October 29 at 10:30 AM, Cornerstone Conference Room. Led by Alice Herrington.

Prayers and Praise

Today’s **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Robert Singer.
Hospital/Rehab: Sammy Hill (MRH)
Christian Sympathy: Ally Markotich upon the death of her father, Paul Heitzman on Oct. 23. And to his Grandchildren, Luke and Josh Markotich.



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2025 Session of Brownson	
Alex Bowness Andrew Benbow Anne Friesen Art Edgerton Betsy Robinson Bill Berger	
Chris Hunt B. Christian Freberg David Malan David Wood Gena Smith Jane Howard Kara Vonderkall	
Kamron Monroe Kathy McPherson Keith Walvoord Lee Pittman Lisa Hughes Mandy Berg	
Mollie Calhoun Morgan Strickland Pat Henry Roy Cameron Ryan Morrison Luke Markotich (Y) Janie Monroe (Y)	

Rev. John Hage—senior pastor
Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin—associate pastor for congregational care and connection
Rev. Austin Vernon—associate pastor of discipleship and missions
Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families
Erin Pollock—director of youth and their families
Amy Shortt—director of music ministries and organist

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM
Livestream | 11:10 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 print legibly.

Prelude	I Want Jesus to Walk With Me Amy Shortt, organ	traditional spiritual; arr. Sewell
Ritual of Friendship	The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.	
News of the Church Alive	Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Missions	
Minute for Mission	Caring Member to Member	Donna Chapin

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship	When our children ask, “What do these stones mean?” We will tell them of God’s faithfulness. When we forget the ways God has carried us through, We will remember and give thanks. Come, let us worship the Lord our God, The One who is with us then, now, and always.	
+Hymn 39	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	FAITHFULNESS

Confessing

Call to Confession	Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Missions	
Prayer of Confession	Merciful God, we confess that we are quick to forget your faithfulness. You have carried us through deep waters, yet we often fail to remember your grace and power. We have built our own monuments of pride rather than setting down stones of gratitude and trust. Forgive us, O Lord. Set our hearts again on your promises. Teach us to remember your goodness, to tell your story to the next generation, and to live as people who trust in your abiding presence. In Jesus Christ we pray. 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. <i>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.</i>	
+Congregational Response	We Are Forgiven We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)	Hal H. Hopson, 1995

The Proclamation of the Word

Moment with Children (9 AM)	Kelli Garbett, Director of Children and their Families	
5th Grade Milestone Recognition (11:10 AM)	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 #466	Come and Fill Our Hearts Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and Fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia! <i>Congregation to join on repeat.</i>	Taize

Scripture Lesson	Joshua 4:1-9 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 194
Sermon	Presence: God With Us Then and Now	Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor
Anthem	Jesus Loves Me The Chancel Choir	arr. Bradley Phillips

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	Apostle’s Creed	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
	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		
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	Leaning On the Everlasting Arms The Chancel Choir Cynthia Strickland, flute Edie Brown, cello	Eric Nelson

+Presentation of Gifts	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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	(9 AM) Jane Howard (11:10 AM) Charlene Kinelski	

Departing

+Hymn 223	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Stanza 1 – All 2 – Women 3 – Men 4 – All	HAMBURG
+Benediction		Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor
+Choral Response #539	Go Ye Now in Peace The Chancel Choir	Joyce Eilers
	<i>A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.</i>	
Postlude	Marche Romaine	Charles F. Gounod