

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

July 20, 2025



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

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Sunday Worship | 10 AM

Livestream | 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 *Jesus Shall Reign* Gerhard Krapf
Diana Kirkpatrick, 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 for Congregational Care and Connection*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Let us hear what the Lord our God speaks:
**God speaks peace to God's people, to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.**
Seeking peace in word, in song, and in prayer,
Let us worship God.

+Hymn 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Restoration

Confessing

Call to Confession Amy Shortt, *Director of Music Ministries*
Prayer of Confession Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things, and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice. Forgive, us we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom 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.**

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 Kacy Depenbrock, *Director of Brownson Learning Center*
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 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am* TAKE ME AS I AM
**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**
Congregation to join on repeat.

Scripture Lesson	Luke 10:38-42 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 948
Sermon	For the Marthas	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Hymn 702	<i>Christ Be Beside Me</i>	BUNESSAN

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 Alice Herrington

Affirmation of Faith: adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith 11.3

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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 Alice Herrington
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 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated arr. Hayes
Solo, Liz Cox, Soprano

+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 Alex Bowness

Departing

+Hymn 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say KINGSFOLD
+Benediction Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor
+Choral Response Irish Blessing arr. Jennings
A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

Postlude To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord James Mansfield

Announcements

Cover Art entitled "Mary and Martha," by Lauren Wright Pittman. Licensed through sanctifiedart.org.

Summer in the Psalms - This summer, a take-home devotional will be provided that guides you through the riches of the book of Psalms by studying one Psalm per week. This faith formation resource is geared toward all ages and families. The study will be available in the Atrium with a new edition coming out on August 3.

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.



New Member Meet and Greet will be held on **Sunday, July 27, 2025**, immediately following the Worship Service, in the Parlor. Join us to learn more about becoming a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Has your contact information changed? We want to know! If you have had a change in address, phone number, or email, please contact Darlene Bostelman at assist@brownsonchurch.org so we can update your information and stay in touch!

Join us for the 2025 Church Retreat - Registration for the 2025 Brownson Church Retreat is open! The retreat will be November 7-9 at Camp Caraway and the retreat speaker is Rev. Ernie Thompson. Ernie is a retired PC(USA) pastor who led congregations in Wilmington and Greensboro and will be speaking on the theme "Fully Alive" for the retreat. For the past three years, the retreat has served as a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, great food, fun activities and worship. It is for ALL ages and all size families! You can register at www.brownsonchurch.org/registration. The deadline to register is September 21.

Music Notes

The Chancel Choir is taking a well deserved break during the month of July and will return in August. Wednesday evening rehearsals will resume in September. The Bell Choir will also kick off September! Stay tuned for details!

COME SING WITH US THIS SUMMER!



Prayers and Praise

The Chancel flowers today are given by Ellen Jordan, dedicated to the glory of God in memory of her husband, Ben Jordan, Jr. and of her grandson, Andrew Dixon.

Hospital/Rehab: Bill Rock (Duke), Jeff Gillette (Duke)

Christian Sympathy to Susan Wood upon the death of her sister, Carol Hardison, on July 9, 2025.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

Head Usher: Scott Absher, Chuck Davis, Ryan Riggan.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 10 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 through 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 9 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 9 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 9 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

Kids & Youth Connect

KIDS CONNECT

Kids Connect activities will resume in September. Be on the lookout for emails about summer activities!

Reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org with any questions.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group will resume in September. Parents, look for emails about summer youth activities and trip updates.

Reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org with any questions.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION

This summer, please consider donating needed food items to the Coalition. During summer break, the demand for shelf-staple food items increases significantly because students do not receive breakfast and lunch at school. Your food donations are needed now more than ever for families in need! Also, please note the Coalition cannot accept expired food items.

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

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors.
- Sign up to volunteer on the 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 PM.
- Contact: Don Branch at debranch@gmail.com.

SUMMER READING STATION

This summer, Brownson is assisting Partners for Children and Families with their summer reading stations program, which provides summer reading materials to children, reading tips and other resources to parents, snacks and water, and coloring/activity books for young children. Brownson adults, youth, and children are encouraged to volunteer at the Southern Pines Pool Park (735 S. Stephens St) on Tuesday, July 22. There are two shifts available: 10 AM – 12 PM and 12 PM – 2 PM. Even if you can only give an hour or two of your time, we would love to see you there! To sign up or get more information, please contact Caryl Schunk at cschunk@guilford.edu or 336-312-2216.