

BROWNSON

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

December 24, 2025
4 PM Service



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
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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www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM
Livestream | 11:10 AM



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

Amy Shortt, piano

WelcomeRev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

The Picerno Family

Advent Hymn 88*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Advent Prayer

**O come, O come, Emmanuel. Into our fear, bring your comfort.
Into our worry, bring your strength. Into our waiting, bring your holy
peace. Do not be afraid—Christ is coming. Amen.**

+Call to Worship

Claudia Robinette

All God's people—boys, girls, women, men:

Come and worship!

Shepherds, magi, saints, and angels:

Come and worship! Come and worship!

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

+ Carol*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Adeste Fideles

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to
Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let
us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all
glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us
adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him. Christ,
the Lord!**

Special Music*The Little Drummer Boy*

Brownson Kids

Scripture Reading	The Journey to Bethlehem Luke 2:1-5	William and Sam Kessell
+Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.	St. Louis
Scripture Reading	The First Christmas Night Matthew 1:22-23 Isaiah 9:6	Jack Smith Thompson Patti
+Carol	<i>The First Nowell</i> The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.	THE FIRST NOWELL
Scripture Reading	Shepherds and Angels Luke 2:8-14	The Riggan Family
+Carol	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Shepherd, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!	GLORIA
Scripture Reading	The Reason for Christmas John 1:14	Will Franks
Solo	<i>Light of the World</i> Janie Monroe, soloist Erin Pollock, piano	Lauren Daigle

Invitation to the Offering

Evan Holmes

For a simple way to give electronically, please use the QR code found on the back of the bulletin.

Offertory

Medley of Christmas Carols

Charlotte and Catherine Nazario | Kelli Garbett, piano

+Doxology

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

Luke Markotich

(please turn your candles on and hold them high as we sing Silent Night)

+Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

+ Benediction

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

+Carol

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

A moment of Silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes worship.

Postlude

Amy Shortt, organ

Please drop your candle in the baskets in the Narthex when you depart.

In Memory Of:

In Memory of our parents, Helen and W.E. Parham and Harriet and Alex Howard – given by Jane and Paul Whit Howard.

In Memory of our parents and loved ones – given by Tom and Clair Nacca.

In Memory of Lou Edgar, Peter and Geoffrey Edgar – given by Cindy Edgar.

In Memory of our parents – given by Peggy and Bob Flygar.

In Memory of Jean Conry – given by Scott and Jody Halso.

In Memory of my parents, Betty and Harvey Hamilton, Jr. – given by Cindi Hamilton.

In Memory of Andris Mergins and our loved ones - given by Joan Mergins.

In loving memory of Sandra Roofe Harris and Stephen Harris – given by Hank and Cathy Roofe.

In Memory of Andrew Robinson – given by Mary Ann Preble.

In Memory of Clarence Cameron – given by Hilda Cameron.

In Memory of Norma Henderson – given by Pat Henderson.

In Memory of my parents, Jane Ann and George Pine II – given by Lucy Pine-Roberts.

In Memory of Henry Cox – given by Jason, Trisha Cox and family.

In Memory of our parents and siblings – given by Daniel and Jane Pajak.

In Memory of our mothers, Ann Brown and Ruth Dempsey – given by Jack and Pat Dempsey.

In Memory of Bob Henderson – given by Carol Henderson.

In Memory of Buddy Heins and Tom Amelia – given by Carol Henderson.

In Memory of Tom and Lois Edgerton – given by Ann and Art Edgerton.

In Memory of Ray and Betty Killian – given by Ann and Art Edgerton.

In Memory of Marian McMillan Kirby – given by Bill Kirby.

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. William F. McLester – given by Virginia McLester Oliver.

In Memory of Ben E. Jordan Jr. – given by Ellen Jordan.

In Memory of Buddy Heins and Tom Amelia – given by Bette Jean Heins.

In Memory of Edmund and Rachel Kenion – given by Kathy Kenion Desmond.

In Memory Of

In Memory of Connie and Liz Desmond – given by Kathy Kenion Desmond.

In Memory of Ray and Carol Elam – given by Kathy Kenion Desmond.

In Memory of Bob Zumwalt – given by Angela North Zumwalt.

In Memory of my sister, Robin Fulk – given by Ginger Monroe.

In Memory of Bonnie Quesenberry and Gloria Krug – given by the Flower Ministry.

In Memory of Robert Everett – given by Barbara Eldredge-Everett.

In Memory of my love, Tom Marsh – given by Libby Marsh.

In Memory of our parents – given by Craig and Beth Pryor.

In Memory of the Honorable Jack W. Smith – given by Patricia Smith.

In Memory of George Ellis – given by Jean Ellis and family.

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie – given by James and Nancy Beddingfield

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Wiggs – given by James and Nancy Beddingfield

In Honor Of:

In Honor of and gratitude for our church staff – given by Jane and Paul Whit Howard.

In Honor of the ladies of PW4 — given by Kathy McPherson.

In Honor of Austin Vernon – given by Jac and Kathy Whatley.

In Honor of Mike Conry – given by Scott and Jody Halso.

In Honor of and appreciation of Rev. John Hage, Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, and Rev. Austin Vernon, Amy Shortt and the wonderful choir – given by Cindi Hamilton.

In Honor of and appreciation to Amy Shortt and the Sanctuary Choir – given by Hank and Cathy Roofe.

In Honor of the Brownson staff – given by the Harris family.

In Honor of my brother, George Pine III and Chan Roberts – given by Lucy Pine-Roberts.

In Honor of Gerald Ostlund for his ASP Leadership – given by the Stan West family.

In Honor of Edith Cox – given by Jason, Trisha Cox and family.

In Honor of Bill Kirby – given by Virginia Oliver.

In Honor of our grandchildren Briana, Dorothy, Lily and Luci – given by Gregg and Pat Allen.

In Honor of Katherine Ewing for 55 years with the BMPC choir – given by Libby Marsh.

In Honor of our grandsons and children – given by Craig and Beth Pryor.

In Honor of Bob and Maria Milligan – given by Bullard, Ruth, Tucker, Long and Floyd families.

In Honor of John and Ebbie Monroe and families – given by Ed and Ginger Monroe.

In Honor of Fred and Cindy Groce and families – given by Ed and Ginger Monroe.



90 Years of Grace: God's Faithfulness, Our Story

If you haven't yet turned in your pledge for 2025, please find pledge cards in the Narthex or you can submit your pledge online: brownsonchurch.org/give.

Sunday, December 28 we will have one Carol Sing service at 11:10 AM.

Year-End Giving: We are so thankful for your continued generosity to Brownson Church. Please know that for your 2025 pledge to be credited this year, all gifts must be received in our office by December 31, 2025, at 12 noon. They can also be postmarked by December 31, or you can drop your pledge by the church office during business hours, in the drop box in the breezeway or the mailbox in the front circle. December typically brings in 20% of our income, but we have a ways to go to meet our goal, so your giving is critical to help us close out the year. For a convenient way to give online, please use the QR code.



The Church office will be closed December 25– January 2.

Winter Bible Study – Join us as we resume our in-depth Bible study on the Book of Matthew on January 7 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).

Kids Connect - Kids evening programs will resume on January 11.

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

Youth Connect - There is no regular youth group tonight and no high school Bible study this week. Spring kickoff is January 11! If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Poinsettias: If you donated or would like a poinsettia, please feel free to take one poinsettia home with you tonight.

The **2026 Chancel Flower calendar** is posted in the Atrium. All members are encouraged to share in this meaningful ministry.

Brownson Music- We are grateful for the many talented people who make up our Brownson church family! Whether you sing, play an instrument, ring bells, or have other creative talents, there is a place for you here at Brownson to share your gifts. All ages and abilities are welcome! There is joy in making music together!

The Brownson Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Music Suite and sings in worship services at 9 AM and 11:10 AM, offering a variety of styles from classical, spirituals, and composers of today. We welcome new members for the church year or Advents/Christmas or Lent/Easter seasons. Come be a part of this talented, faithful, and joyful group!

The Brownson Handbell Choir rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM..

The Brownson Children's Choir rehearse on Sundays during the school year. Open to ALL children grades K-5, the children learn vocal techniques, music reading skills, and share their joy of music as an expression of faith in our worship services. Contact Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries and Organist at music@brownsonchurch.org to discover ways to share your gifts and talents with others!

Thank you to our Greeters serving today: Steve and Debbie Brooks, Lucy and Chan Roberts, Scott Absher, Don and Shirley Rufty.