

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

November 28, 2021

9 & 11:10 AM In Person

11:10 AM Online

First Sunday of Advent

Strengthen Our Hearts 
WITH PEACE ◦ HOPE ◦ JOY ◦ LOVE



Rev. John Hage—senior pastor

Rev. Carolyn Helms—transitional associate pastor of congregational care

John Tyson—director of music ministries

Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions

Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families

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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

Ritual of Friendship The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

News of the Church Alive

John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Minute for Mission

Empty Stocking

Brenda Hiscott

The Praise of God

Lighting of the Advent Candle (9:00) Garbett Family (11:10) Roy & Gail Cameron

Advent Prayer

Loving God, during this season of Advent, we pray that you would strengthen our hearts with peace.

+Hymn 82

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Confessing

Call to Confession

John Hage

Prayer of Confession

During this time of confession, we invite you to pray in the silence of your own heart...

Kyrie



Assurance of Pardon

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Congregational Response

“Emmanuel”

MCGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

(Choir sings first, congregation joins for repeat)

(During the response, your children are invited to come forward)

The Proclamation of the Word

Moment with Children

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*
children second grade and under can depart for Kids worship

Anthem

“Canticle for Advent”
Chancel Choir

LARSON

Scripture Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Peace in the Waiting

Carolyn Helms, *Transitional Associate Pastor*

Special Music

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Soloist | DeNesha McAllister

+Hymn 92

“While We Are Waiting Come”

WAITING

Responding

+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"

GREATORIX

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

John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

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

"Advent Carol"

ARR. HOPSON

The Hand Bell Choir

+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

(9:00) Sara Conti (11:10) Jeannette Wilson

Departing

+Hymn 87

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

GENEVAN

+Benediction

+ Congregational Response

"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.

Postlude

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

Announcements

2022 Pledge Cards: If you haven't turned in your 2022 Pledge Card, there is still time! Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex, or you can submit your pledge by calling Stacey Burke, Bookkeeper in the church office—692.6252 via email: finance@brownsonchurch.org or online by visiting brownsonchurch.org/giving.

Christmas Poinsettias—provide a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Mail or drop off a check payable to Brownson with "Poinsettia" on the memo line and include your dedication for the bulletin. The deadline to make a donation is Friday, December 15.

Caroling & Chili Supper: Join us on December 5 at 3:30 PM in the Ashe St. lot where we will depart for Christmas Caroling. A chili supper will be held immediately following in Fellowship Hall.



2021 Advent Calendar

Sunday—November 28 | First Sunday of Advent
9 & 11:10 AM Worship
10 AM Brownson Connects Advent Edition (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday—December 5 | Second Sunday of Advent
9 & 11:10 AM Worship

Saturday—December 11 | Evening Cantata | 7 PM

Sunday—December 12 | Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Cantata
Invite a Friend Sunday | 9 & 11:10 AM Worship

Sunday—December 19 | Fourth Sunday of Advent
9 & 11:10 AM Worship

Friday—December 24 | Christmas Eve
4 PM Service for Families
6 PM Services of Communion, Carols & Candlelight

Sunday—December 26 | Hymn Sing
One Service @ 11:10 AM

Ways to Serve

Help distribute coats! Welcome Southern Pines Elementary School parents (chosen by the school social worker) to our Fellowship Hall, Monday December 6, from 10-1 and/or 3:30-6. Help them joyfully choose coats for their children. To volunteer, sign up with Austin Vernon: discipleship@brownsonchurch.org.

Higher Grounds—to continue to operate the ministry of *Higher Grounds* coffee and donut hour on Sunday mornings, we need volunteers to help with the donuts. If you are feeling called to serve one Sunday a month, please call the church office or email: news@brownsonchurch.org to volunteer.

Empty Stocking: If you would like to adopt a family this Christmas through the Empty Stocking Program, Brownson has 24 families that need to be adopted. Please contact Brenda Hiscott, hiscott@nc.rr.com or 910.295.9544. Cash donations are also needed to purchase food vouchers for the Empty Stocking families.

Food Bank—Due to reconstruction, the Food Bank is closed to volunteers until the start of 2022, so we will not be offering our volunteer day in December.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:
9:00 Head Usher—Chris Jordan, Marjorie Heffner, Chris & Kelley Kibler, Bill Zell
11:10 Head Usher—Michael Black, Anita Emery, Betsy Robinson
Chancel Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by the Kilpatrick and DiMarco families in loving memory of Stu Kilpatrick.

Prayers and Praise

Member Death: we share in the hope of the risen Christ upon the death of William "Bill" Hipple on November 19, 2021. A memorial service was held at Quail Haven on November 24.