

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

September 14, 2025



2025 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger
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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 *Prelude on Hyfrydol* arr. Lasky
Amy Shortt, organ

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 for Discipleship and Mission

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Come, people of God, and listen—
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
We are called to love the Lord with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength.
With all our life, we will love and serve the Lord.
Let us worship God, who is faithful from generation to generation.

+Hymn 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Confessing

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You call us to love you with all our life, yet we confess that our hearts are divided, our priorities are scattered, and our commitments are often shallow. We confess that we seek quick rewards, rather than planting for the generations to come. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our eyes to your promises. Renew our hope, strengthen our faith, and deepen our love, that we may give our whole selves to your work, trusting you with the harvest. In Jesus' name 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

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 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 Deuteronomy 6:4–9 Holy Bible, pages 162-163
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon	With All My Life	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 697	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	Hendon
	Stanza 1—All	
	Stanza 3—Women	
	Stanza 5—Men	
	Stanza 6—All	

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, <i>Associate Pastor for Congregational Care</i>
	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	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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.	
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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	<i>Prayer of Consecration</i>	Deborah Dresie
	(9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	

+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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 AM) Gracyn Myrick (11:10 AM) Will Pittman
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Departing

+Hymn 307	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	CWM RHONDDA
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+Benediction	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	
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+Choral Response	<i>Go Ye Now in Peace</i>	Joyce Eilers
	The Chancel Choir	

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

Postlude	<i>Fugue in D</i>	Goodwin
	Amy Shortt, organ	

Announcements

Today—Two Services Resume

Traditional Service Hours

Worship at 9 & 11:10 AM. Livestream at 11:10 AM

Higher Grounds and Brownson Connect Groups 10 AM

Stephen Ministry Information Session—Today immediately following the 11:10 AM service, in the Cornerstone Conference Room. Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve others and make a difference within our congregation and community? We invite you to attend a special Stephen Ministry information session. Lunch will be provided. For questions, contact Jeff Ward at jeffrey.ward3@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering—Monday, September 15, in Fellowship Hall, social time at 9:30 AM with Presentation at 10 AM. Presentation by Dr. Sheryl Brownlee, Assistant Director of Volunteer Services at FirstHealth of the Carolinas.

Engaged Brains Training – Please join Cheryl McNeill as she prepares us to connect and care for those experiencing brain changes. We will discover simple skills to help us better connect and build relationships, reframe and recognize abilities of our members, practice positive approaches, examine resources and explore various activities matching our members' abilities and interests. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025**, from 2-4 PM in Conference Room A. We hope to see you there!

New Member Meet & Greet—Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 10:15 AM in the Parlor. Join us to learn more about becoming a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday September 28, 4PM - Grass Parking Lot
This service will celebrate the gift of God's creation, especially the gift of our pets. Pet owners are invited to attend with their pets for a brief service of prayer, scripture reading, music, and blessing our special animal friends. *All pets must be up to date on vaccines; dogs must be leashed; cats and small animals must be in a carrier.* If your pet does not do well in social situations, you are welcome to bring a collar, tag, or picture of your pet. We hope you will join us as we give thanks to God for the animals in our lives. Contact Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin with any questions.

Church Retreat- Registration Deadline is September 21! ALL are welcome to join us for the 4th annual church retreat at Caraway Conference Center November 7-9. It is a weekend full of worship, fellowship, connection, and fun. The theme this year is "Fully Alive" and Rev. Ernie Thompson will be the retreat speaker. If the whole weekend doesn't work for you, you can sign up to be a day-tripper and join us on Saturday. You can register at www.brownsonchurch.org/registration.

Music Notes

Chancel Choir rehearsals are **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM**. Brownson Handbell Choir meets at **5:45 PM on Wednesdays**. Singers and Ringers of all ages are welcome! For more details, contact Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries, at music@brownsonchurch.org. Children's Choir will kick off on Sunday evenings at 5 PM during the month of October!

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.

FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children. Volunteers needed for providing dinners and overnight hosts.
- Dates: September 15—18, 2025
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com.

NORTHERN MOORE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Brownson is hosting its second annual summer shoe drive for the children at Northern Moore Family Resource Center. Please consider donating new shoes for children in grades K-12 to the collection bins located in the atrium. Our goal this year is 130 pairs of shoes! Deadline is September 30, 2025.

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 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 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

Kids Connect meets tonight from 5-6:45 PM, with kickoff beginning at the basketball court/gaga pit. We can't wait to see everyone!

Brownson Little friends and their families are invited to join us for Pizza in the Park on Friday, September 19 at 5:30 PM at Sandhurst Park in Southern Pines. Pizza, drinks, and dessert are provided. Excited for a time of fellowship together!

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

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group is tonight for everyone in grades 6-12. Join us in the Youth Suite 5-7 PM.

High School Bible study starts on Thursday 7:30-8:15 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.

If you have any questions about youth events, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

Bible study groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

PW Circle 7—Wednesday, September 17, at 11 AM, Conference Room B. Led by Lisa Beck.

Book of Matthew Fall Bible Study: Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 AM, Cornerstone Conference Room. Led by Alice Herrington.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God by the family of Bonnie Quesenberry from the Service of Witness to the Resurrection held on September 13.

Hospital/Rehab: Thomas Nesbit (MRH)

Christian Sympathy to Linda Branch upon the death of her father, Dale Hamernick, on September 4, 2025.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Logan Beck, Ashleigh Beck, John Eddy, Dave Devendorf, Hank Rofoe.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Will Herring, Chuck Davis, Lee Pittman, Ryan Riggan.