

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ

October 4, 2026



World Communion—"Originating in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936, with the hope that other denominations would join in, it took only a few years before the celebration spread far beyond its origins. On this Sunday, as we gather around the Lord's table, we are reminded of our oneness in Christ and celebrate with our fellow believers the faith and work of the Church worldwide".

—Anne E. Zaki, "The Communion of Saints," *Reformed Worship*, June 2005

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

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Sunday Worship | 10:30 AM

Livestream | 10:30 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 write legibly.

Prelude

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. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Minute for Mission

Rise Against Hunger

Larry Riggan

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

We come from different places, with different stories, and different journeys of faith.

We gather with Christians around the world, as one body in Christ.

We gather around one table, nourished by one grace.

God so loved the world that God gave God's son.

And Christ invites us: "Take, eat."

Come, let us worship the God who loves the whole world.

We come to worship, to remember, and to share in the love of Christ.

+Hymn 372

O for a World

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Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you so loved the world that you gave your Son for us. Yet we confess that we often make our world smaller. We turn inward. We build walls. We divide ourselves from those who are different from us. We become more concerned with what separates us than with what unites us in Christ. Forgive us when we forget that your love reaches beyond our borders, beyond our traditions, beyond our politics, beyond our comfort, and beyond the people we already know. Teach us to see our neighbors near and far as your beloved children. As we gather at Christ's table, remind us that we belong to one another because we belong to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Kyrie

Allison Polkow and Addisyn Herring



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 will sing when invited 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

Song for World Communion

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki

Asa Moran and Brownson Children

*At the conclusion, all children Preschool – 5th Grade are invited to Kids Worship.

Song of Illumination 468

In My Life

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In our song, Lord, be glorified today.****In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

Scripture Lesson	John 3:16 –17 Matthew 26:26-29 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 970 Holy Bible, page 907
Sermon	Setting the Table	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 769	<i>For Everyone Born</i>	FOR EVERYONE BORN

Responding

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table		Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
The Sanctus (Hymn 559)	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.	
Mystery of Faith	Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.	
The Lord's Prayer	Will be read in Chinese by Xinyan Shi. Will be read in Spanish by Hope Dugenske. 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.	
Words of Institution	The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sharing of the Elements	As you are passing the plate, please say this to your neighbor: <i>The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.</i> (All bread served today is Gluten-Free) (If you have difficulty passing the plate, please raise your hand when an elder comes to serve your pew, and they will bring the elements directly to you)	
Prayer after Communion		
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Offertory	<i>I Choose Love</i> The Brownson Choir	arr. Mark Miller
+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> 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	Donna Chapin	

Departing

+Hymn 515	<i>I Come With Joy</i>	DOVE OF PEACE
+Benediction		
+Congregational Response	<i>He's Got the Whole World in his Hands</i> He's got the whole world in his hands. (repeat 3x) He's got the tiny little baby in his hands. (repeat 3x) He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. He's got everybody in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.	Traditional Spiritual
Postlude		Amy Shortt, organ

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

Announcements

Note for Families - At Brownson, we believe that *to wiggle is to worship!* Children are a joyful and important part of our life together, and we welcome them fully in worship- wiggles, movement, noise, and simply being the children they were created to be. We invite you to relax and feel at home as it's a joy to worship God together!

Still Us - October 22, 2:30-4 PM in Conference Room A: Join Dr. Karen Sullivan to learn about the exciting progress of the Still Us Foundation and discover meaningful ways to get involved in creating a more dementia-inclusive community. Whether you're curious or ready to volunteer, come join us!

Blessing of the Animals - Sunday October 11, 4PM

Please join us for this special service celebrating the gift of God's creation - especially the gift of our pets! All are welcome, and pet owners are invited to bring their pets. *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 respond well to social situations, you are welcome to bring a collar, tag, or picture of your pet. We will also be accepting donations of dry dog and cat food to contribute to the Sandhills Coalition Pet Pantry. Contact Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin with any questions.

Rise Against Hunger - Join us **TODAY** in Fellowship Hall for our annual Rise Against Hunger food packing event. All ages are encouraged to participate in this fun, intergenerational service opportunity as we pack 20,000 meals to combat food insecurity around the world. Lunch provided.

Red Cross Blood Drive on October 20 from 1 — 6PM in Fellowship Hall. Help save lives during a time of critical need — donate blood at our upcoming drive and make a life-changing difference today! To sign up, please use the QR code to the right or www.redcrossblood.org. Type in Zip Code. Click on Make an Appointment. Scroll down to Brownson's schedule.



Congregational Meeting—October 18: There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following 10:30 AM worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Elder Class of 2029.

Sunday Serve - Do you need a little help around the house? Could you use some young and able-bodied people to help get a project done? Maybe you need bushes trimmed or heavy boxes moved or all that pine straw taken care of. On Sunday, October 18, Brownson Youth will be heading out in teams to serve the wonderful people of our church in an effort to give back and live out our faith. If you would like to take part in this and have a project we could help with, please reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org or 443-223-8930.

Bridges of Faith - Sunday, October 18 at 2 PM - Foundation Hall Sandhills Community College. This Interfaith Panel of Communication is organized by member of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities. It invites participants to explore diverse faith traditions through dialogue. Register here: <https://sandhillscscc-register.fundfive.com/course/section/36846>



North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society Meeting - Brownson Church: Saturday, October 10 at 10 AM in Conference Room A. Contact: Don McLeod (donaalcmcleod@gmail.com).

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Fred Nuenighoff— MRH

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Frank Dean, Bill Berger, Don Hiscott, Ryan Ciccone, John Cates.

Linger with Lemonade

This week, Lemonade will be served with pizza in the Atrium for Rise Against Hunger.

Sunday Morning Offerings Location Guide

The Living Word Today—Room A

Ligon Class—Room B

Donuts and Devotionals—Room C

It Takes a Village—Cornerstone Library

Another Chapter - Cornerstone Conference Rm.

Grow, Discover & Shine—Children PreK-5th Grade—Ed. Building

Faith Lab - Youth Suite

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

We hope your families will join us after worship for Rise Against Hunger. There are no kids programs tonight. If you have questions about Kids Programs at Brownson, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group tonight 5-7 PM in the youth suite! High School Bible Study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. Faith Lab is Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 AM in the youth suite. For more information about Brownson Youth please contact Erin, youth@brownsonchurch.org.



Music Notes

On this World Communion Sunday, our music reminds us that the Church reaches across languages, cultures, and communities. Our children will sing *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* in English and Swahili, joining their voices with children in Kenya, while the Chancel Choir's *I Choose Love* by Mark Miller calls us to stand in love and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ near and far.

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

The Brownson's Men's Groups, Mom's Group and Presbyterian Women invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast—Tuesday, October 6 at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every first Wednesday at 3 PM in Conference Room C. We invite anyone who knits or crochets to join us.