

BROWNSON

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

December 11, 2022

9 AM Traditional Service



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

John Tyson—director of music ministries

Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions

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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 "Wachet auf, BWV 645" J. S. Bach
David Jesse, Organ

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

News of the Church Alive Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

The Praise of God

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Pollock Family

Advent Prayer **Loving God, during this season of Advent, we pray that you remind us that you are our Everlasting Father. Fill our hearts with your joy this day. Amen.**

+Hymn 105 "People, Look East" BESANCON
Vs. 1, 4 & 5

Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie 551



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

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

Anthem "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Earlene Rentz
Small Ensemble

Moment with Children Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*
children four to second grade may depart for Kids worship

Song of Illumination "Emmanuel" MCGEE
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.
(Cantor sings first, congregation joins on repeat)

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:6
John 1:1-5
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Light in the Darkness Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

+Hymn 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

+Please Stand

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

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"

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

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

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

"A Cradle Carol"

Dan Forrest

Anna Adams, 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

Dan Neller

Departing

+Hymn 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

+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

"Joy of Noel"

arr. Fey/Paxton

David Jesse | Organ

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

Advent Calendar

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

9 AM – Traditional Sunday Worship

10 AM Higher Grounds and Connect Groups

11:10 AM – Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 & 11:10 AM Services

10 AM Higher Grounds and Connect Groups

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4 PM – Service for Families

6 PM – Service with Candlelight, Carols and Communion

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

One service @ **11:10 AM** – Hymn Sing

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

THE COALITION

Gilmore Client Services—1500 Indiana Ave

Third Tuesday of each month 9 AM-11 AM

Contact: Jan Lindstrom mjindstrom75@gmail.com

THE FOOD BANK

Second Tuesday of each month 9 AM-11 AM

Contact: Bob McCall rdm36@charter.net

Announcements

2023 Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards can be found in your pew, in the Narthex or the church office. It is not too late to submit your pledge online, by visiting: brownsonchurch.org/giving. You may also call in your pledge to our Bookkeeper, Tracy Kelly—910.692.6252.

New Member Meet & Greet: January 22 @ 10:15 AM in the Cornerstone Building Conference Room. Join us to learn more about our vibrant and growing church.

Congregational Meeting December 18: The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on the nominees of the APNC for the Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Missions.

Poinsettias: If you wish to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone this Christmas, please send your donation to the church office, using the yellow special offering envelope located in the pew racks. Please indicate your dedication on the envelope. **Dedications are due by December 11.**

Large Print Bulletins can be found in the Narthex along with headphones for those with hearing impairment. Our Sanctuary is equipped with a t-coil system if your hearing aids include that feature.

Caroling and Chili has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 18 at 3:30 PM. Meet at Penick Village.

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YOUTH

Youth will have their Christmas party tonight 5-7 PM. The best ugly Christmas sweater wins a prize! We will play minute to win it games, eat good food and reflect on the birth of Jesus. (No white elephant gift needed!) Next week we are doing Caroling and Chili! Please put January 8 on your calendar for a youth/parent meeting about upcoming summer opportunities. In January we will begin the confirmation process. This process is typically completed by eighth grade students and seeks to help them learn about the church, explore their faith, work closely with a covenant partner, and, ultimately, become members of Brownson Church. If you are interested in receiving more information about the confirmation process please contact Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

CHILDREN

Join us at 5 PM tonight for Mail Night and a Christmas celebration—we won't do a gift exchange this year. This Wednesday, December 14, Brownson babies and preschool families will gather for a little Christmas cheer at 5:30 PM in the youth suite. This will include dinner, Christmas crafts and cookies, Christmas carols, and a time of fellowship together. Next Sunday, December 18, please join us at 3:30 PM for Caroling and Chili as we bring Christmas joy to our community!

ADULTS

Theology on Tap—This small group for men of the church meets on Wednesdays at Table on the Green at 6 PM.

Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast - This men's group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. Contact Bill Berger for more information.

Women—Bible study is offered through six different Circles. For information, contact Membership Leader Nancy Ahlfeld at 910.235.4646 or visit brownsonchurch.org/pw.

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM.

The Living Word Today (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 10 AM. Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

Donuts and Devotionals – Bring your coffee and donuts to Conference Room C at 10 AM as we discuss some of the most important stories in the New Testament.

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Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

9 AM Head Usher: Jim Webb, Joan Bruno, Bob & Peggy Flygar, Jan Lindstrom, Linda Webb

11:10 AM Head Usher: Frank Dean, Bill Berger, Ryan Ciccone, Sara James

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Norma Kilpatrick (Quail Haven)