

BROWNSON

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



Carols, Communion & Candlelight *December 24, 2022 — 6:00 PM*

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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Prelude

David Jesse

Welcome

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Lighting of the Advent Candle—The Markotich Family

Advent Prayer

Loving God, you sent your Son to live among us. Our hearts are full because we know you are our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. You are Emmanuel, God with us - Hallelujah and Amen!

Musical Meditation

“Some Children See Him”
Pam Zell, soprano

Alfred Burt

+Call to Worship

Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

Leader: Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God, is born this night.

People: God’s word has been made flesh among us.

Leader: He is called Emmanuel, for in him “God is with us.”

People: Come to us, Lord Jesus; be born in us this night, in our hearts, minds and lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

+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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

+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!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Scripture Reading	The Peaceful Kingdom Isaiah 11:1-3, 6	Wesley Little
Musical Meditation	“Joseph’s Lullaby” Matt Franks, tenor	Michael Crawford
Scripture Reading	The Birth of Jesus Foretold Luke 1:26-38	Bill Berger
+Carol	“Away in a Manger” Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.	MUELLER
	Choir sings vs. 2 - The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.	
	Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.	
Scripture Reading	The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7	Elizabeth Doolin
Chancel Choir	“Christmas Sanctus”	Lee Dengler
The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		
Invitation to the Table		Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor for Congregational Care</i>
	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.	
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	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		
Sharing of the Elements	<i>The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.</i>	
Prayer after Communion		
Invitation to the Offering		John Hage
Offertory	"Silent is the Night" The Chancel Choir	Jay Althouse
Scripture Reading	The Shepherds and the Angels Luke 2:8-16	Charlene Kinelski
+Carol	"Angels We Have Heard on High" 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 glad-some tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!	GLORIA
Scripture Reading	The Visit of the Wise Men Matthew 2:1-11	Beverley Pellom
+Carol	"The First Nowell" 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. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. 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	The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-14	John Hage

+Carol

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELIS

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!

Please pass the lit candles and hold them as we sing “Silent Night, Holy Night”

+Candle Lighting 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! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!

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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

+Benediction

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

Postlude

David Jesse

Please extinguish your candles when departing and drop them in the basket when you exit. If you have donated a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, please take one when you depart.

In Memory Of:

In loving memory of John Bruno—given by Joan Bruno

In loving memory of their son Scott Bostick and Jerry's grandson Jase Dunn—given by
Barbara & Jerry Dunn

In loving memory of Belle Covington—given by Mara Fiskin

In loving memory of our parents—given by George & Jean Ellis

In loving memory of our parents Helen & W.E. Parham and Harriet & Alex Howard—
given by Jane and Paul Whit Howard

In loving memory of her husband Ben Jordan, Jr.—given by Ellen Jordan

In loving memory of their grandson Andrew—given by Pat & Clark Groseth

In loving memory of her mom & dad, Isobel & Ed Jaehne—given by Sue Jaehne

In loving memory of her husband Eddie—given by Sara James

In loving memory of Chris McLean—given by Allison and Steve McLean

In loving memory of her husband Andris Mergins and their parents—given by Joan
Mergins

In loving memory of our parents and loved ones—given by Tom & Claire Nacca

In loving memory of Andrew Pandich—given by John, Holly, Sophia and Michael
Pandich

In loving memory of Steve Preble and Andrew Robinson—given by Wendy Preble

In loving memory of Arthur & Katherine Cobb and Roy & Docia Riggan—given by Larry
& Sandy Riggan

In loving memory of Nancy Weant—given by Lee Zacha and Denny Smith

In loving memory of our parents—given by Jim and Linda Webb

In loving memory of Daniel & Dorothy White—given by Stuart White

In loving memory of Walter Woodcock—given by Clara Woodcock

In loving memory of her husband Jack Zellers—given by Paula Zellers

In Honor Of:

In honor of our children and grandchildren—given by Gregg & Pat Allen

In honor of her three wonderful children—given by Joan Bruno

In honor of John Tyson and the Brownson Choir—given by Sara Conti

In honor of the Local Missions Ministry Team—given by Sara Conti

In honor of her husband, Jerry Dunn, her daughter Erin Cory; her son Blair Bostick—
given by Barbara Dunn

In honor of our precious family—given by George and Jean Ellis

In honor of their children and grandchildren—given by Pat & Clark Groseth

In honor of the staff at Brownson Church—given by Jane & Paul Whit Howard

In honor of her son Dustin and his family—given by Sara James

To celebrate the light of Brownson in her life and in the community—given by
Charlene Kinelski

In honor of Waylon Grace Cates, new granddaughter of John & Janee Cates—given by
Jim & Reggie Reid

In honor of our children: Ryan, Alicia, Lauren & Jason, and grandchildren Brooklyn,
Luke, Tyler, Drew, and Katherine Woolford—given by Larry & Sandy Riggan

In honor of Dr. Lorna M. Facticeau—given by Stuart White



Welcome to Brownson

Worship

Worship with us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 11:10 AM with a wide variety of connection opportunities at 10 AM.

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.

Brownson Kids

We are so thankful that you are here with us this Christmas Eve and hope you will join us again at Brownson. We have a vibrant children's program that includes Sunday activities:

- 9:00 and 11:10 AM—Traditional Worship with Children's Worship
- 10:15 AM—Brownson Connect Groups
- 4:00 PM—Kids Music
- 5:00 PM—Sunday Kids Connect; K-5th Grade

Other offerings are available for families and preschoolers throughout the year.

All questions can be directed to Kelli Garbett, Director of Children and their Families: children@brownsonchurch.org.

Brownson Youth

We have an awesome youth group for grades 6-12 that includes Sunday activities and midweek offerings:

- 9:00 and 11:10 AM—Traditional Worship
- 10:15 AM—Brownson Connect Groups
- 5:00 PM—Youth Group

For more information about our youth programs, visit brownsonchurch.org/youth or contact Erin Pollock, Director of Youth and their Families: youth@brownsonchurch.org.

2022 Contributions: Just a friendly reminder that we must receive your check in the church office by noon on Thursday, 12/29, or postmarked by 12/31/22 to be credited in 2022.

On December 25 and January 1, we will have one worship service at 11:10 AM. Higher Grounds will not take place on December 25 or January 1, and will resume on January 8.

A special thank you to tonight's Volunteers

Wes Little (Lead Usher)
Gregg Allen
Alex & Susan Bowness



Services and Office Hours

Sunday, December 25—One Service at 11:10 AM
Monday, December 26—Office Closed
Tuesday, December 27—9-1 PM
Wednesday, December 28—9-1 PM
Thursday, December 29—9-1 PM
Sunday, January 1—One Service at 11:10 AM
Monday, January 2—Office Closed