

BROWNSON

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

July 23, 2023



2023 Session of Brownson

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom
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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
Matt Franks—interim director of music ministries
Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 10:00 AM
Livestream | 10:00 AM



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 "All Glory Be to God On High" arr. Joseph Prentiss
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

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

Minute for Mission Appalachia Service Project Commissioning

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

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*

We come. We wait.

We long. We hope.

We suffer. We pray.

We rejoice. We sing.

We know we are children of God.

We wait for Christ to set all things right.

Let us worship the God who knows us.

+Hymn 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

Confessing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you. 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

Anthem

"Where Could I Go From Your Spirit?"

arr. Brad Nix

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

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture Lesson	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Sermon	Being Known: Comfort or Challenge? Austin Vernon, <i>Director of Discipleship and Missions</i>
+Hymn 836	"Abide With Me" Eventide Vs. 1, 3, 4

Responding

+Affirmation of Faith	<p style="text-align: right;">The Apostles' Creed</p> <p>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.</p>
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+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.
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Prayers of the People	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection</i>
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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	"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Jack Schrader Small Ensemble
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+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.
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+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Andrew Benbow
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Departing

+Hymn 839	"Blessed Assurance" ASSURANCE
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+Benediction

+Choral Response	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin
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A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

Postlude	"Christ Ascends!" Todd Kendall Diana Kirkpatrick, organ
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Announcements

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God given by Steve Leggett and Ellen Burke in honor of their first wedding anniversary.

Healing & Wholeness Service: Today, 11:00 – 11:30 AM A service of healing and wholeness offers us the opportunity to come together bringing our grief, sorrow, and pain before God. Through prayer, song, and anointing with oil, we are reminded of God's steadfast love and presence. No matter what waters you are wading through, you are invited to join us as we seek to live into our mission of living and loving in Christ Jesus our Lord. Please join us for this special service immediately following our regular Sunday worship today.

Family Night Dinner Volunteers – This coming year, we are planning to host two Family Night Dinners, which will bring people together for food, fellowship, and faith formation. To make these dinners possible, we need a team of 8-10 volunteers to help with cooking, setting up, and other duties. If you would like to be part of this exciting new team, please contact Sharon Ramsey at sharonramsey.nc@gmail.com or Austin Vernon at the church office.

Children: Community Camp will be on our campus next week, July 24 - 28, so you will see lots of kiddos having so much fun. Please join us for our pop up Family night on Wednesday, July 26, at 5:00 at Rassie Wicker Park and Splash Pad. Brownson is providing nuggets and drinks; last names A - M bring a side, N - Z bring a dessert. Hope to see you there!

Brownson Church Retreat - Mark your calendar for our Brownson Church Retreat - September 22 - 24, 2023. It's a great time of faith, fun, and fellowship at Caraway Conference Center, only one hour from Brownson! We hope you'll add it to your calendar and plan to join us! Register here: brownsonchurch.org/registration or by using the QR code. **Deadline for registration is August 6.**



ASP: Help support our youth during their week at Appalachia Service Project by donating to their fundraiser this week and help them reach their goal of raising \$10,000. Visit brownsonchurch.org/give to donate or drop off a check at the church office with ASP in the memo line.

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Pennie Duggins (The Greens at Pinehurst)

Member Death: We share in hope of the risen Christ with the family of John C. "J.C." Baker upon his death on July 8. A Celebration of Life Service was held in White Bear Lake, MN on July 22.

Ways to Give

Thank you for supporting the mission of Brownson Church. Your gift has an immediate impact on the work of ministry through our mission and values and the work we do across Moore County and beyond! To give today, you may do so through the envelopes in the pews, through the **Give** tab on our website, or by using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION:

DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.

NEW DROP OFF LOCATION: Two locations, Baskets in the narthex or Starbucks Drive-Thru - Taylortown.

Contact: Jan Lindstrom, mjlindstrom75@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities.

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Sign up for August 8, 9 AM-11 AM
- Contact: Bob McCall, rdm36@charter.net

Adults

SUNDAY MORNING CONNECT GROUPS

The Living Word Today (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 9AM. Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us on Sunday mornings in Conference Room B at 9 AM.

All God's People—This connect group will explore an intergenerational devotional that is suitable for people of all ages. Kids, youth, and adults are invited to join us for this time of learning and fellowship. Grab some coffee and donuts and join us in Conference Room C at 9:30 AM! Led by Kelli Garbett, Erin Pollock, and Austin Vernon.

MID-WEEK ADULT STUDIES

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.

Theology on Tap—This small group for men of the church meets on Wednesdays at Midland Country Club's Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Rd, Pinehurst at 6 PM. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund. They will start back up in September.

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS 10 AM

In-Person & Online
June 18-September 3

9-10 AM—Higher Grounds & Adult Classes

9:30-10 AM All God's People Connect Group



Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

10:00 AM Head Usher: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Jan & Mark Lindstrom, Russell Flahie, Kathy Scarborough