

BROWNSON

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

September 27, 2026



2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

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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
Amy Shortt—director of music ministries

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
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*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

God calls us to a different way of living. Not the way of self-promotion, but the way of humility. Not the way of holding tightly to our status, but the way of serving. Not the way of putting ourselves at the center, but the way of making room for others. Christ shows us the way of love.

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.

Christ humbled himself and became a servant.

Teach us to follow the way of Christ.

Christ did not cling to power or privilege, but emptied himself in love.

Give us hearts that are willing to serve.

Christ calls us to look not only to our own interests, but to the interests of others.

Shape us into a people who love as Christ loved.

Come, let us worship the God who meets us in humility, who forms us in love, and who invites us to walk in the way of Christ.

Let us worship together. Amen.

+Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we too often make ourselves the center of this story. We cling to our accomplishments, our reputation, our opinions, our status, and our desire to be recognized. We look first to our own interests and forget to notice the needs of those around us. Forgive us, O God. Teach us the humility of Christ—not humility that diminishes who we are, but humility that frees us to love. Give us the mind of Christ: a mind that serves, a heart that makes room, and a life that seeks the good of others. Empty us of our pride and fill us with your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on

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

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 468	<i>In My Life</i> 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.	LORD, BE GLORIFIED
Scripture Lesson	Philippians 2:1-13 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 1071
Sermon	Power in Service of Love	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 39	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	FAITHFULNESS

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.	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
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+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> 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.	GREATOREX
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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

Anthem	<i>My Faith's Got Shoes</i> The Chancel Choir * See Music Note	arr. Mark Burrows
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+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
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+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Garrett Fanning
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Departing

+Hymn 37	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	ASH GROVE
+Benediction		
+Choral Response	<i>In the Lord</i> In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.	TAIZE'

Postlude		Amy Shortt, organ
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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!

Shoe Drive - This is the last week of the **Shoe Drive for Northern Moore Family Resource Center** in Robbins. We're shy of our goal of 200 pairs of new gym shoes for students ages 4-18! Please drop off new gym shoes to the Church office this week!

Still Us - October 22, 2:30-4 PM in Conference Room A: Join Dr. Karen Sullivan for three community gatherings 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 simply curious or ready to volunteer, all are welcome!

Staying Connected - As Brownson continues to grow, we want to stay connected and care well for every member of our church family. Staying Connected is an ongoing effort to update contact information and keep our church records current. Over the coming months, we will be asking each household to verify their address, phone, email, emergency contact, and directory preferences, and to provide a current photo for our database. Don't be surprised if you receive a call from one of our Grace Greeters! This is more than an administrative task—it is one way we care for one another as the Body of Christ. Thank you for helping Brownson stay connected!

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.

Hospital Admission Reminder - If you are ever admitted to Moore Regional Hospital, please remember to **list Brownson as your church affiliation** when you check in. This helps the hospital notify us so we can **pray for you, reach out, and visit you** during your stay. **We want to be there for you when you need us!**

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.



Rise Against Hunger — Join us on Sunday, October 4, 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. Register online at brownsonchurch.org/ registration.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Don Power, Anita Emery, Chan Roberts, Lucy Roberts, Susan Bowness, Pat Henry

Music Notes

Our Chancel Choir is preparing to present a major choral work in the worship service on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1. We invite all singers to sing this amazing work with us. Our rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6 PM. Only 6 rehearsals until the presentation so don't delay. Contact Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries, for more information.

*Funds to purchase the anthem "My Faith's Got Shoes" was given in honor of Gloria Revere on her 100th birthday by her family and in dedication to the shoe drive for Northern Moore Family Resource Center.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

Join us tonight (9/27) for Family Night! Bring your families and kids



of all ages — preschoolers, elementary, and all fun enthusiasts! There will be categories for all ages, and competitions that everyone can enjoy! We will kick off with Nachos in the Fellowship hall at 5 PM, and conclude by 6:30 PM. If you have any questions about Children's Programs, please reach out to

Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

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

Linger with Lemonade

Join us for an informal time of connection outside the Sanctuary after church for some lemonade and fellowship as we head out into our week following worship at 11:30 AM.

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 (begins October 4) - Cornerstone Conference Rm.

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

Faith Lab - Youth Suite

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.

PW Circle 4— Thursday, October 1 at 10:15 AM, in Conference Room B.

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab:

Celebrations: The rose on the Baptismal Font, given by the Coleman Baby Rose Fund, is in celebration of the birth of Andrew Ronald Barner, grandson of Linda Taylor and nephew of Charlie Taylor, born on September 17, 2026.