

BROWNSON

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

February 8, 2026



Festival of Lights by John August Swanson

2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | Donna Chapin | Farra Wilson | Gena Smith
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Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg | Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison
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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

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 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	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> Amy Shortt, organ	arr. Jason W. Krug
Ritual of Friendship	The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.	
News of the Church Alive	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin Assoc. <i>Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection</i>	
Minute for Mission	Scout Sunday	(9 AM) Gregg Allen, Cub Scout Cooper Brooks, Senior Patrol Leader Joseph Corp III (11:10 AM) Gregg Allen, Cub Scout DJ Enyart, Senior Patrol Leader Joseph Corp III

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

We are salt for the earth.
We are light for the world.
 Just as no one hides a lamp away,
we will offer the world what only we can give.
 In shining our lights, we will remember:
All God's children have lights to share.
 Grateful for God's creation,
We celebrate the beauty of the body of Christ.

Confessing

+Hymn 401	<i>Here In This Place</i>	GATHER US IN
Call to Confession	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	
Prayer of Confession	Patient God, it is easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to you. We show off our piousness, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace. Amen.	

Kyrie



Cantor to sing first. Congregation on repeat.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

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	<i>We Are Forgiven</i> We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)	Hal H. Hopson, 1995
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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

Spirit of the 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	Matthew 5:13-20 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 882
Sermon	Of Salt and Light	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Assoc. Pastor
+Hymn 291	<i>Spirit of Gentleness</i>	SPIRIT

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	From <i>A Brief Statement of Faith</i> We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ as the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.	Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor
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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	Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor
Offertory Anthem	<i>Prayer of Consecration</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir arr. Deborah Dresie

+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	(9 AM) Isaiah Schafer (11:10 AM) Jonah Schafer
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Departing

+Hymn 35	<i>Praise to the Lord the Almighty</i>	LOBE DEN HERREN
+Benediction		
+Choral Response 306	<i>Go Ye Now in Peace</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	arr. Eilers
	<i>A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.</i>	
Postlude	<i>Postlude on NICAIA</i> Amy Shortt, organ	arr. J.B. Dykes

Announcements

Winter Bible Study – Join us for the Book of Matthew Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. If you have questions or need information, please contact Alice Herrington (aherrington7@gmail.com) or Bill Berger (bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com).

The Congregational Care and Connection Team is putting together a "Dine Around" starting in February. Through "Dine Around," Brownson members will get together for monthly meals in small groups. Members will be placed in groups of 8 to get together once a month for 4 months at each other's homes, restaurants, parks, or wherever the host for the month chooses. It is a fun and easy way to get to know one another! The signup deadline is today, February 8. Call or email Ann Edgerton to sign up or reach out if you have questions: annkedgerton@gmail.com, (910)638-8260.

Lenten Small Groups are on the way! Titled "*Healing What's Within: Coming Home, Mystics, Music and Meaning*," this year's series begins the week of February 22. These small groups are an incredible way to build community within the church while diving deeply into God's Word. To sign up visit: brownsonchurch.org/registration. For information, please contact Bill Berger at: bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com

Save the Date, VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

Pancake Breakfast– Join us in Fellowship Hall on February 22 in between the Sunday morning services for the annual Brownson Youth Pancake Breakfast. This event is a fundraiser to support the youth's summer trips but there is no cost to attend. Come to support Brownson Youth and stay for the fellowship and delicious food!

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 22 immediately following the 11:10 AM service. The purpose of this meeting is to share our Annual Report, 2026 Budget and to vote on the Terms of Call for Rev. John Hage and Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin.

Brownson Learning Center: The BLC invites you to join us February 19 at 5 PM in the Atrium for our 2nd annual Art Exhibition. Our students have been studying different artists and art mediums and will present their own works of art in the gallery and reception. A donation of \$3/person or \$10/family is suggested to help restock our art supplies. The artwork will continue to be displayed throughout the month of February.

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026: at 12 PM, in partnership with the Fellowship of Churches, Brownson will participate in the Ash Wednesday ecumenical service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines. At 6 PM, there will also be a service in the Brownson Sanctuary.

Music Notes

Join Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries, on **Wednesdays at 1 PM in the sanctuary** starting Ash Wednesday, February 18 during the season of Lent for **Mindfulness and Music**. Enter a space of stillness and sacred sound through the music of the mystics, contemplative prayer, silence, and guided imagery, offering a gently path of inner healing and wholeness.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Steve Brooks, Debbie Brooks, Frank Quis, Duck and Shirley Ruffy, Rick and Ruth Burgin.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Charles Harris and Patrick Depenbrock, Gregg Allen, Wes Little, Ed Monroe, Michael and Sarah Garry.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 AM services, Brownson has a full service nursery for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to welcome your children. The nursery is located in the Education Building. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children at both services to join Kids Worship. Parents, if your child is participating, please fill out a Brownson Kids sticker for each child, place it on them before they come to the front. Stickers are in the pews.

ADULT GROUPS

The Living Word Today— Non-partisan current events are discussed each Sunday morning using *The Wired Word* curriculum with Biblical references. Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

The Ligon Bible Class—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeil.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o'clock hour.

Kids & Youth Connect Groups

KIDS CONNECT

2nd Grade Milestone – Worship and Communion - group continues today at 10:15. No Kids Connect tonight – we look forward to seeing you all next week!

If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT

There is no youth group tonight! See you next week!

High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:15 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.

If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God given by Cub Pack 73 and Scout Troop 223 in honor and appreciation for Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church being the Charter Sponsor of these outdoor youth leadership programs and in celebration of the 116th birthday of Scouting founded on February 8, 1910.

Hospital/Rehab: Craig Pryor (MRH)

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 6 – Monday, February 9 at 10 AM in Conference Room B.

PW Circle 3 – Monday, February 9 at 11 AM in Conference Room C.

PW Circle 2 – Tuesday, February 10 at 10 AM in Conference Room C.

Brownson Moms Book Club – Wednesday, February 11, 7PM, Youth Suite. Please join us as we discuss *Ordinary Time* by Annie B. Jones. Contact Elizabeth Doolin at Elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org if you have any questions.