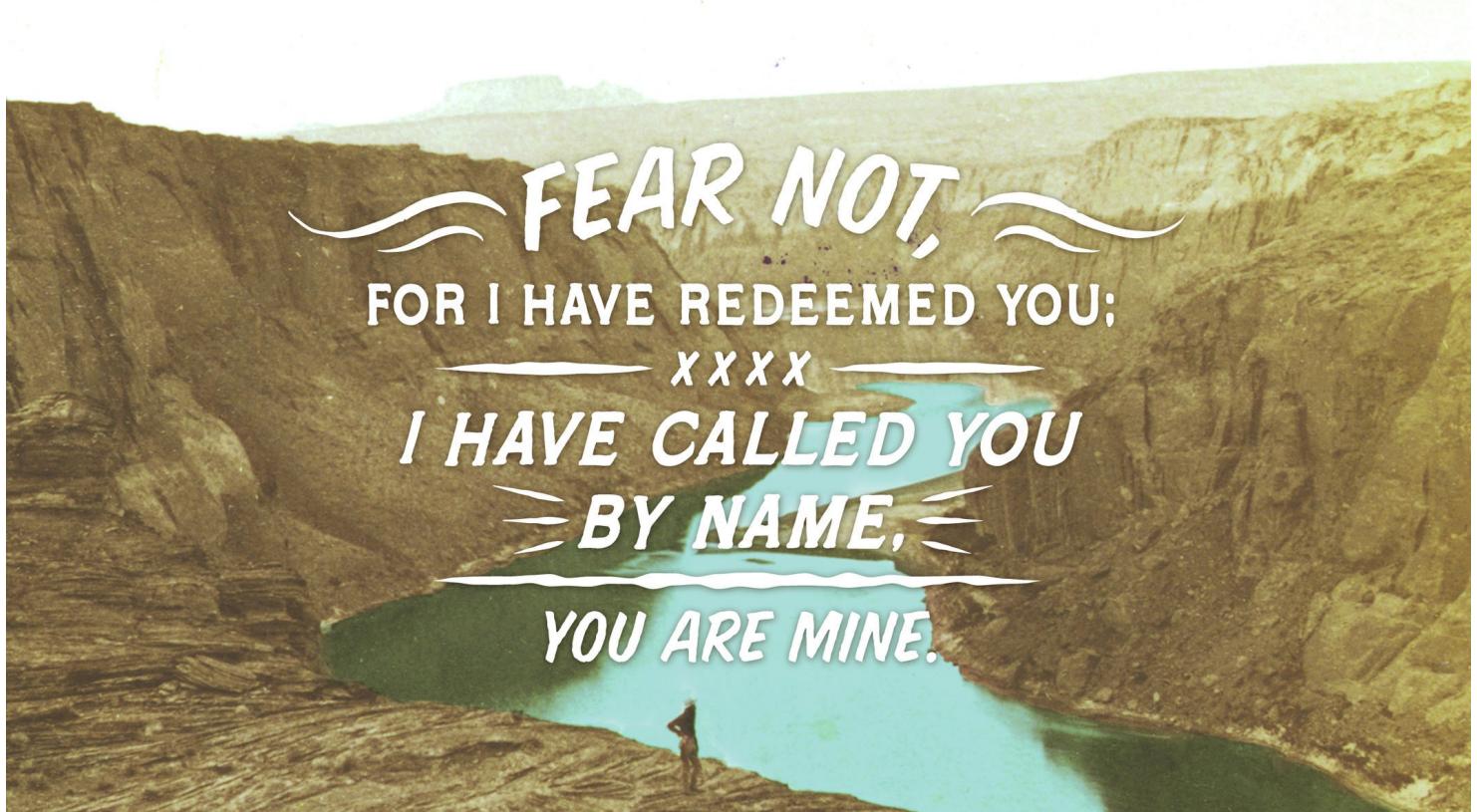


# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*

June 1, 2025



## 2025 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger  
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | David Wood | Gena Smith | Jane Howard | Kara Vonderkall  
Kamron Monroe | Kathy McPherson | Keith Walvoord | Lee Pittman | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg  
Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison | Luke Markotich (Y) | Janie Monroe (Y)

**Rev. John Hage**—senior pastor

**Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin**—associate pastor for congregational care and connection

**Rev. Austin Vernon**—associate pastor for discipleship and missions

**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 | 10 AM**

**Livestream | 10 AM**



## Gathering

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*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

Great Day

Amy Shortt, organ

Adolphus Hailstork

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

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+Call to Worship

In your call toward deep waters, risen Lord,  
**Grant us faith.**  
In your command not to fear,  
**Grant us courage.**  
In your invitation to follow,  
**Grant us surrender.**  
Restore to us the joy of living as your disciples,  
**Covered by your grace, sustained by your love, empowered by your Spirit.**

+Hymn 401

Gather Us In

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## Confessing

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of wholeness, we come to you in our brokenness, humbly admitting that we have strayed from your path. We find ourselves broken because we have listened to voices that seek pleasure, power, and prestige instead of listening to your voice that satisfies all our needs. We find ourselves broken because we have turned away from our neighbors. We tell ourselves there is nothing we can give instead of following your call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and set the captive free. We find ourselves broken because we have not trusted you. Repair us, O God, and restore us to our true selves so that we might follow you faithfully, trusting in the healing power of Christ's resurrection for us and our world. 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

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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

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.  
Congregation to join on repeat.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Holy Bible, page 658

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Sermon	The Power of Presence	Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions
Anthem	<i>Where Shall I Go From Your Spirit</i> Caragh Garry, soprano	Kenny Potter

## Responding

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The Celebration of the Lord's Supper		Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving	<p>The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b></p>	
The Sanctus (Hymn 559)	<p>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.</p>	
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	The gifts of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sharing of the Elements	As you are passing the plate, please say this to your neighbor: <i>The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.</i>	
Prayer after Communion		
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> The Chancel Choir	arr. Heather Sorenson
+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
Graduation Sunday		Erin Pollock, Director of Youth and their Families
Prayer for Graduates and Thanksgiving		Rev. John Hage

## Departing

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+Hymn 177	<i>I Will Come To You (You Are Mine)</i>	YOU ARE MINE
+Benediction		
+Choral Response	<i>Go Now With God</i> (Forehand Benediction) The Chancel Choir	arr. Dr. Gail Allen
<i>A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.</i>		
Postlude	<i>Great Day (reprise)</i>	Adolphus Hailstork

## Announcements

**Family Meal:** Join us **today** for a church family meal and Hymn Sing after the 10 AM worship service in Fellowship Hall.

**Summer in the Psalms** - This summer, a take-home devotional will be provided that guides you through the riches of the book of Psalms by studying one Psalm per week. This faith formation resource is geared toward all ages and families. The study will be available in the Atrium with a new edition coming out on June 1, July 6 and August 3.

**Summer Worship:** Brownson will have one service at 10 AM for the summer. We will resume two services on Sunday, September 7.

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Brownson will celebrate its anniversary on March 3, 2026. If you feel led to serve on the planning committee, please submit your name to Jane Howard, Chair of the Nominating Committee (jphtravel@gmail.com) **by June 1.**

**Join us for the 2025 Church Retreat** - Registration for the 2025 Brownson Church Retreat is open! The retreat will be November 7-9 at Camp Caraway and the retreat speaker is Rev. Ernie Thompson. Ernie is a retired PC (USA) pastor who led congregations in Wilmington and Greensboro and will be speaking on the theme "Fully Alive" for the retreat. For the past three years, the retreat has served as a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, great food, fun activities and worship. It is for ALL ages and all size families! You can register at [www.brownsonchurch.org/registration](http://www.brownsonchurch.org/registration). The deadline to register is September 21.

**Summer Giving** - As you travel this summer, please consider continuing your giving while you are away. We tend to see a decline in giving, while our expenses remain the same. You can do this through our website: [brownsonchurch.org/give](http://brownsonchurch.org/give) and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



## Music Notes

We are delighted for Caragh Garry to share her talents with us this morning. Caragh is home for the summer from college where she is studying Genetics Cellular Biology and Development at the University of Minnesota. Caragh's song is a reminder to the graduates and to all of us that no matter where we go, God's presence is always with us. Thank you, Caragh, for sharing your musical gifts with us in worship.

## Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God by The Taylor Family in celebration of the wedding of Charlie Taylor and Abigail Pearsall on May 31 in the Sanctuary.

**Hospital/Rehab:** Carol Elam (MRH)

**Celebration:** Blessings to John Eddy and Alexis Trogdon upon their marriage on May 17, 2025.

## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### SANDHILLS COALITION

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

**DROP OFF LOCATION:** Baskets in the Narthex

Questions? Contact Caryl Schunk, [cschunk@guilford.edu](mailto:cschunk@guilford.edu).

### THE FOOD BANK

Pack food boxes for low income seniors.

Sign up to volunteer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 1-3 PM.

Contact: Don Branch at [debranch@gmail.com](mailto:debranch@gmail.com).

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

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 and YOUTH

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children 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.

**Children's Choir**—Resumes in September.

**Middle School Youth**—Resumes in September.

### 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 9 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 9 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

**Donuts and Devotionals**—Join us in Conference Room C at 9 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

**HIGHER GROUNDS**—Resumes in September.

## Kids & Youth Connect Groups

### KIDS CONNECT

**VBS**—Join us June 16-19 from 9 AM-12 PM each day as we learn to "Trust Jesus in this Wild World!" Children ages 3 (and potty trained) - 5th grade are welcome to join us, with VBS Sunday to follow on Sunday, June 22.

Reach out to Kelli at [children@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:children@brownsonchurch.org) with any questions.

### YOUTH CONNECT

Youth volunteers are needed for VBS June 16-19. If you can help, please let Erin or Kelli know.

Youth group will resume in September. Parents, look for emails about summer youth activities and trip updates.

Reach out to Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org) with any questions.

## Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

*The Brownson Men's Groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.*

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast** Tuesday, June 3, at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

**Theology on Tap**—Wednesday, June 4, at 6 PM at Trinity AME Zion Church. We will be meeting at their Community Outreach Center on West Pennsylvania Avenue. Led by Charles Harris and Gerald Ostlund.

## Serving Today

**Thank you to our Greeters serving today:**

Head Usher: Jim Webb, Linda Webb, Burt Ozment, Bob Flygar, Hope Dugenske, Joan Bruno.