

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## November 2, 2025

### COMMITMENT SUNDAY



*Ninety Years of Grace  
Our Story  
God's Faithfulness*

*George Thonet - November 08, 2024*  
*Margaret Mattocks - November 23, 2024*  
*Elaine Baillie - December 30, 2024*  
*Bob Henderson - December 31, 2024*  
*Karen Lewis - January 08, 2025*  
*Pat Andrews - January 24, 2025*  
*Dick Westcott - January 24, 2025*  
*Sue Caperton - January 31, 2025*  
*Emma Blake - February 20, 2025*  
*Lou Petsolt - February 22, 2025*  
*Thelma (Jo) Pearce - February 22, 2025*  
*Judy Johnson - February 23, 2025*

*Ted Taws - February 26, 2025*  
*Ed Cottrell - March 28, 2025*  
*Shari Devendorf - April 15, 2025*  
*Gloria Krug - June 28, 2025*  
*Myra Hall - July 21, 2025*  
*Justine Ostlund - August 02, 2025*  
*John McPhaul - August 05, 2025*  
*Bonnie Quesenberry - August 12, 2025*  
*Betsy Pry - August 14, 2025*  
*Judy Harte - August 14, 2025*  
*Charles Lewis - October 2, 2025*  
*Carol Elam - October 07, 2025*

*This represents the deaths of our members since 11.08.24.*

#### 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 and organist

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Sunday Worship | 10 AM

Livestream | 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.

## Gathering Music

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| Ritual of Friendship     | The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.<br>And also with you. |                                      |
| News of the Church Alive |                                                                       | Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i> |
| Minute for Mission       | Commitment Sunday                                                     | David Wood                           |

# The Praise of God

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| Call to Worship | Come, people of God, to the mountain of God.<br>We come, standing on holy ground.<br>God calls us by name and sends us with purpose.<br>Here we are, Lord—speak, for your servants are listening. |             |
| +Hymn #326      | For All the Saints<br>Stanzas: 1-ALL   2-MEN   3-WOMEN   5-ALL                                                                                                                                    | SINE NOMINE |

# Confessing

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| Call to Confession       | Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     |
| Prayer of Confession     | God of fire and faithfulness, we confess that we shrink from your call. We question our worth, our strength, our ability. We fear failure more than we trust your promise. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that you do not call us because we are perfect, but because you are faithful. Renew us with courage and with hope, so we may follow where you lead. Amen. |                     |
| Kyrie                    | <br>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.<br><i>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.</i>                   |                     |
| +Congregational Response | We Are Forgiven<br>We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Hal H. Hopson, 1995 |

# The Proclamation of the Word

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| Anthem (11:10 AM)           | I Sing a Song of the Saints of God<br>The Children’s Choir                                                                                                                                                                                    | GRAND ISLE                                     |
| Moment with Children (9 AM) | Kelli Garbett, <i>Director of Children and their Families</i><br>Children age four to fifth grade may depart for Kids Worship<br>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 #466   | Come and Fill our Hearts<br>Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.<br>Come and Fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!<br>Congregation to join on repeat.                                                  | Taize                                          |
| Scripture Lesson            | Hebrews 12:1-2<br>Revelation 21:3-5<br>The Word of the Lord.<br>Thanks be to God.                                                                                                                                                             | Holy Bible, page 1099<br>Holy Bible, page 1134 |

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| Sermon | Promise: Looking Back & Investing in the Future              | Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i> |
| Anthem | <i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i><br>The Chancel Choir | arr. Gilbert Martin                  |

## Responding

### The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Table

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and All Saints' Necrology

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sharing of the Elements

As you are passing the plate, please say this to your neighbor:

*The body of Christ broken for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*

Please speak these words to your neighbor as you pass the communion elements.

#### Prayer after Communion

#### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offertory

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

arr. John Rutter

The Chancel Choir

Deanne Renshaw, oboe

#### +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.**

#### Act of Commitment & Giving

Please bring your pledge card and canned goods forward and place them on the Communion Table. All pledge cards that have been turned in so far during the campaign are present today.

#### Commitment Prayer

(9 AM) Parker Fanning (11:10 AM) Roy Cameron

**We give thanks, O God, for this community of faith that inspires us and supports us to hear your call to faith and generosity. May our pledges of ourselves, our treasures and our time be blessed by your multiplying grace so that we may also join in the joy of being your faithful servants. May the food we have brought forward sustain those who are hungry. We pray in Christ's Holy name to be a missional community called to love and live in Christ. Amen.**

## Departing

#### +Hymn 536

*Rise O Church Like Christ Arisen*

SURGE ECCLE

Stanzas: 1 & 4 - ALL | Stanzas: 2 & 3 - THE CHANCEL CHOIR

#### +Benediction

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

#### +Congregational Response #306

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

John Rutter

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.**

**The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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

#### Postlude

## Announcements

### 90 Years of Grace: God's Faithfulness, Our Story

#### Fill the Table—1,000 Gifts of Grace

Today, on Commitment Sunday, we will joyfully bring our pledges forward in worship as an act of faith and thanksgiving, also because of the needs in our community, we invite you to bring a canned good as well.

You're invited to be part of this year's Stewardship Campaign as we celebrate 90 years of God's faithfulness to Brownson Church!

As we look to the future, we invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge of giving for the coming year. Your pledge is simply an estimate of giving—a tangible way to express gratitude and participate in God's ongoing work through Brownson.

This year, your commitment is especially important as our ministry expenses have increased. Pledge cards are available in the pews, narthex and online at [www.brownsonchurch.org/give](http://www.brownsonchurch.org/give).

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us continue the story of God's grace at Brownson Church!

**All Saints Evensong Service: Today at 4 PM, Brownson Sanctuary**—We honor the lives of the saints of Brownson who have joined the great cloud of witnesses. We will read aloud the names of our saints and toll a bell in their honor. This service also offers space for those who have lost a loved one to come together in worship. Please join us for this special service as we remember our saints and seek God's peace through the power of worship

**The Presbyterian Women** will be selling note cards in the Atrium from 10-11 AM each Sunday in November. Please plan to stop by for a package of eight of our own Linda Bryant's original designs for \$12.50. Proceeds support Mission initiatives.

**Veteran's Roll Call—November 16:** Join us during both services where we will acknowledge those in our congregation who have served and currently serve in the armed forces.

**Sunday, November 9** we will have **one** service at 11:10 AM so that our church staff can be at the church retreat. The Choir will be on hand as well as guest preacher Rev. Hannah G. Ostlund. We hope you will join us at Higher Grounds and Connect Groups at 10 AM with **one** worship service at 11:10 AM

**Decorating the Sanctuary:** You are invited to join the Worship Team in decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas on **Saturday, November 22 at 9 AM**. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP that you will join the fun, please contact Mollie Calhoun at [molliecalhoun@hotmail.com](mailto:molliecalhoun@hotmail.com).

**Our Coat Drive has begun!** We will be collecting new or gently used children's coats throughout the month of November to be distributed at Southern Pines Elementary in December

## Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

*Bible study groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.*

**Book of Matthew Fall Bible Study:** Wednesday, November 5 at 10:30 AM, Cornerstone Conference Room. Led by Alice Herrington.

**PW Circle 4—** Thursday, November 6, at 10:15 AM, in Conference Room C. Led by Kathy McPherson.

## Music Notes

We are grateful to Deanne Renshaw for sharing her talents with us this morning. Deanne Renshaw is the Orchestra Manager and Principal Oboist of the Carolina Philharmonic in Pinehurst. A former longtime resident of the Sandhills and faculty member at both UNCP and Methodist University for many years, she still retains ties to the area. Deanne currently resides in Myrtle Beach, SC, where she teaches middle school orchestra to the next generation of musicians.

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

During the 9 & 11 AM service, Brownson has a full service nursery in the Education Building for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to welcome your children. 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.

### 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 McNeill.

**Donuts and Devotionals**—Join us in Conference Room C at 10 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

### 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

Kids Connect meets tonight from 5:00 - 6:45. We are having cupcake wars and hope to see you there!

If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at [children@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:children@brownsonchurch.org).

### YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group today is Sunday Serve! We are meeting at 2:30 PM in Fellowship Hall and will be done at 5:30 PM. Remember emergency forms! High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.

If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Erin Pollock at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

## Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God in celebration of her husband Franklin's birthday, given by Martha Butler.

**Hospital/Rehab:** Sammy Hill, Lois Holt and Patricia Keffer(MRH)

## Serving Today

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

**(9 AM)** Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Paula Zellers, Marjorie Heffner, Bill Zell, Kelley Kibler, Stu White, Mary Hamblen

**(11:10 AM)** Head Ushers: Don Power, Betsy Robinson, Anita Emery, Chan & Lucy Roberts, Susan Bowness, Pat Henry

## 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).