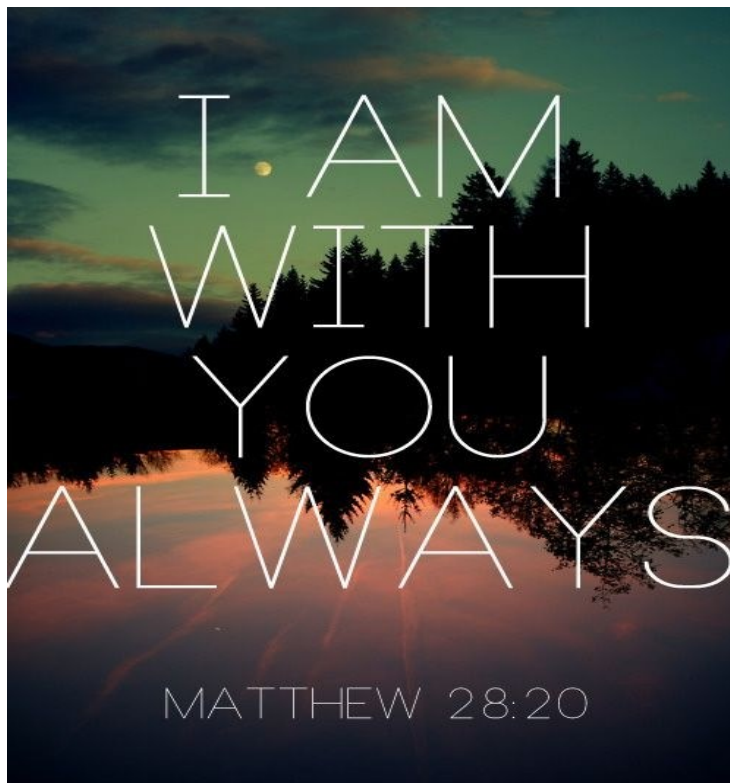


BROWNSON

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

May 31, 2026



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
Jane Howard | Jan Stone | Jeff Ward | John Krahnert | Kara Vonderkall
Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg | Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison
Ruth Burgin | Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (Y)

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 | 9 & 11:10 AM
Livestream | 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

Theme on NICAEA

NICAEA

Amy Shortt, organ

Ritual of Friendship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Minute for Mission

Singing Together

Amy Shortt, *Director of Music Ministries*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Come, all who seek the presence of God.

We come with hope, with questions, and with open hearts.

Come, all who long for grace and truth.

Jesus meets us in our worship and in our wondering.

Come, for Christ calls us to follow Him into the world.

We gather to be renewed, encouraged, and sent forth in love.

Come, for the risen Christ promises: "I am with you always."

With joy and trust, we worship God together.

+Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we often long for certainty instead of trust.

We want clear answers instead of daily faith. Too often we allow fear, doubt, and**worry to keep us from following where you lead. Forgive us when we forget your****presence with us. Forgive us when we believe we must carry life's burdens alone.****Renew our hearts with the promise of your grace and remind us again that nothing****can separate us from your love. Strengthen us to follow Christ with courage, to serve****others with compassion, and to trust that you are with us always. In the name of****Jesus Christ we pray. 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 288

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	Matthew 28:16-20 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 911
Sermon	I Am With You Always	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 749	<i>Come! Live in the Light!</i>	WE ARE CALLED

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>
+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
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.	
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Offertory Anthem	<i>Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> The Chancel Choir	arr. Patricia Mock
+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
+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Jeff Ward	

Departing

+Hymn 1	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!</i>	NICAEA
+Benediction		
+Choral Response	<i>Day by Day, Dear Lord</i> Day by day, Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.	arr. Friedell
Postlude		Amy Shortt, organ

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

Announcements

Matthew 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).

Save the Date, VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.
Registration: brownsonchurch.org/registration.

Save the Date, 5th Annual Church Retreat, November 13-15.

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!

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, today, 11:45 AM, Parlor-If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. Elizabeth Doolin and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership.

Summer Hours: We will have ONE service at 10:30 AM. Summer hours will run through September 13.

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 and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



Home Communion Commissioning– Join us June 7 as we commission our elders to serve home communion! If you are an elder who would like to serve, or if you are or know someone homebound who would like to receive communion, please contact our Home Communion Coordinator, Barbara Gaylord at bedfordbarbara@yahoo.com

Graduation Sunday– On Sunday, June 7, we will be celebrating the graduating Senior class. Join us as we honor their accomplishments, pray for their futures, and send them with gifts from Brownson.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee is meeting to nominate members for the Elder Class of 2029. If you have someone you would like to nominate to serve on the Session of Brownson, please send names to Mandy Berg (berg.amandas@gmail.com) by June 15, 2026.

Ways to Serve | Local Missions

SANDHILLS COALITION

DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.
DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex
Contact Caryl Schunk, cschunk@guilford.edu

Prayers and Praise

Hospital:/Rehab: Jeff Gillette– Duke
Dick Rice– Hospice House

Member Death: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Fred Monroe upon his death on May 23, 2026. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Friday, June 5 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary with a reception immediately following. Please keep his wife Carol Monroe, and all their family in your prayers.

Celebrations: The rose on the Baptismal Font, given by the Coleman Baby Rose Fund, is in celebration of the birth of Blair Kathryn Fanning, daughter of Matthew and Kathryn Fanning.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

Head Usher: Charles Harris, Patrick Depenbrock, Gregg Allen, Wes Little, Ed Monroe, Sarah Garry.



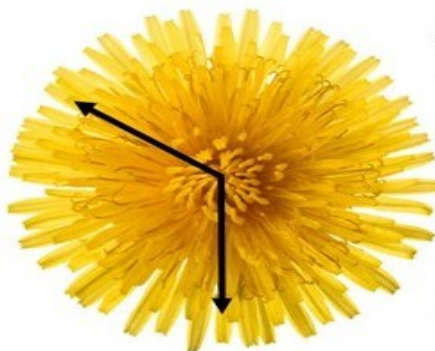
Please join us
for fellowship as we welcome our
new members to Brownson
Memorial Presbyterian Church

*Lemonade
on the Lawn*

Sunday, June 14, 2026
Following the 10:30 AM
worship service.

on the lawn by the
Brownson Learning
Center.

In the event of rain
meet in the Atrium



**SUMMER WORSHIP
IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM
10:30 AM
HIGHER GROUNDS & CLASSES
9:30 AM**