

BROWNSON

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

December 19, 2021

9 & 11:10 AM In Person

11:10 AM Online

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Rev. John Hage—senior pastor •

Rev. Carolyn Helms—transitional associate pastor

Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families

John Tyson—director of music ministries

Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions



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Gathering

Prelude

Ritual of Friendship The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

News of the Church Alive

The Praise of God

Lighting of the Advent Candle (9:00) The Harris Family (11:10) The Grantham Family

Advent Prayer **Loving God, during this season of Advent, we pray that you would strengthen our hearts with love. Amen.**

+Hymn 106

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Confessing

Call to Confession

Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

Prayer of Confession

During this time of confession, we invite you to pray in the silence of your own heart....

Kyrie 551



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

Assurance of Pardon

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

Children of Brownson

“It’s Christmas Medley”
 Brownson Kids

ARR. PADILLA

Song of Illumination

“Emmanuel”

MCGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

(Cantor sings first, congregation joins on repeat)

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3:12-14
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Strengthen Our Hearts with Love

John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

+Hymn 110

“Love Has Come”

BRING A TORCH

Responding

+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.

+Gloria

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

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.

Prayers of the People

Carolyn Helms, *Transitional Associate Pastor*

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

Offertory

"In Silence, He Came"

MARTIN

Pam Zell | Soloist

+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.**

Recognition of Charter Member Joyce Stutts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Julie Martin (9:00) Roy Cameron (11:10)

Departing

+Hymn 115

"Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

Benediction

Choral Response

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

**O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels! O come let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him; O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

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

Poinsettia Dedications

In Memory Of:

Robert, Louise and Bob Montgomery and Leonard Bullock
Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Wiggs and Mr. & Mrs. John L. McKinzie
Parents and Grandparents Ruth & Hersh Hughes
Tony & Sandra Grose, Larry & Jean Jones
Our parents
Andrew Robinson
Sis & Ted Herrington and Alice & Carson Barns
Tom Marsh & Ben Jordan
Buddy Heins
Richard Nacca & Beverly Hinds
Dorothy Smith, Jean Wolcott, Barry Wolcott & Lydia Zacha
Bob Weant
Richard & Margaret Kramer
Family members lost this year – Bob Misenheimer and Dr. Mel Davis
Allison Stine Chatham
Isobel & Ed Jaehne
Carmela & Mario Amabile
John & Frances McCrimmon
Todd McCrimmon
Jean Irvin, Carol Prevatte, Michael Howe and Jeff Smith
Curtis Batson
Steven & Scott Smith
Ben Jordan, Jr.
Millie Cottrell
Eddie James
Dan & Dorothy White
Family and Friends

In Honor Of:

Our beloved family
Joe & Nancy Currie
The Brownson Church Staff
Their children and grandchildren
Jeannie & Bill Eastman and Jennie & Will Eastman
Rosa West Tucker honoring her 97th year
Dr. Lorna Facticeau

Given by:

Joe, Susie, Bo & Chrissy Boals
James & Nancy Beddingfield
The Hughes Family
George & Jean Ellis
Andy & Joan Mergins
Wendy Preble
Alice & Paul Herrington
Frank & Missy Quis
Bette Jean Heins
Tom & Claire Nacca
Dennis Smith & Lee Zacha
Nancy Weant
Keith & Kim Walvoord
Gregg & Pat Allen

Joseph & Joan Stine
Sue Jaehne
Barbara Leoncini
Warren & Sandra McCrimmon
The McCrimmon Family
Jim & Reggie Reid
Byna Batson
Becky Smith
Ellen Jordan
Ed Cottrell
Sara James
Stuart White
Jane Pajak

Given by:

George & Jean Ellis
Robert & Karen Allen
Carol Lamphier
Gregg & Pat Allen
Sharlia Ragan
Stan & Pam West
Stuart White

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

9:00 Head Usher—Cornelia Morris, Rick & Ruth Burgin, Lois Holt, Walt Morris Frank Quis, Bill Saylor
11:10 Head Usher—Tom Corbett, Bonnie Hanly, Barry Ivey, Ed Monroe, Jim Reid, Duane Shelton, Mickey Wilson

Prayers and Praise

Hospital/Rehab: Gary Ahlfeld (MRH), Arnold Seawell (MRH)

Home: Gladys Britt

Death of Member: we share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Donna Kimbrell upon her death on 12/5.

Celebrations: The roses on the baptismal font are in celebration of the births of George Stephen Hill, grandson of Tom & Beth Hill born on 12/9. And Connor Ellis Robinowitz, great grandson of George & Jean Ellis born on 12/10.

Announcements

2022 Pledge Cards: If you haven't turned in your 2022 Pledge Card, there is still time! Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex, or you can submit your pledge by calling Stacey Burke, Bookkeeper in the church office—692.6252 via email: finance@brownsonchurch.org or online by visiting brownsonchurch.org/giving.

Year End Contributions must be received by **Thursday, December 30 at 1 PM** to be credited in 2021.

Brownson Connects ends 12/19 and will resume again on January 9.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday—December 24 | Christmas Eve

4 PM Service for Families

6 PM Services of Communion, Carols & Candlelight

Sunday—December 26 | Hymn Sing

One Service @ 11:10 AM

Member Discovery Class

If you are looking to learn more about our vibrant and growing church, join us for Higher Grounds, where you can grab some coffee and a donut and meet with others looking to make Brownson their church home. This will take place on Sunday, January 23 at 10 AM in the Atrium. For more information, contact Marilyn Baxter, Director of Care and Connection, members@brownsonchurch.org.