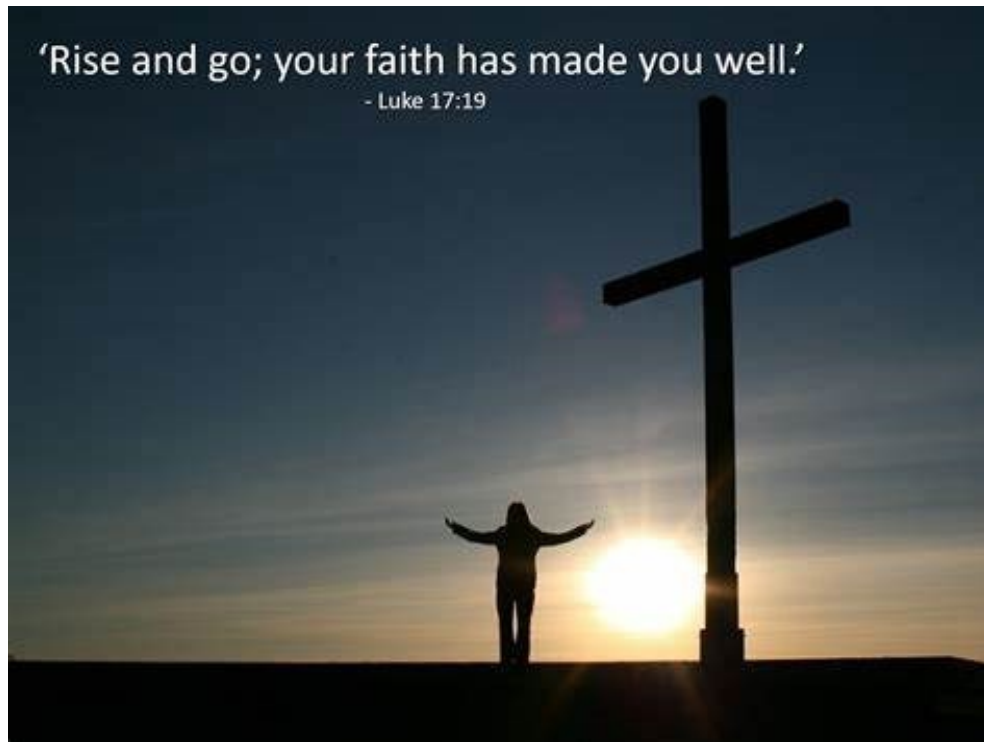


# BROWNSON

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

## November 19, 2023



### 2023 Session of Brownson

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom  
Charlene Kinelski | Chris Jordan | David McNeill | David Wood | Dixie Parks | Don Branch | Don Power | John Bullard  
Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Larry Riggan | Lee Pittman | Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Ciccone  
Sara Conti | Sara James | Scout Cain (Y) | Wesley Little (Y)

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**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  
**Matt Franks**—interim music director

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM  
Livestream | 11:10 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 as we would love to connect with you.*

**Prelude** "All Praise To You, O Lord" Marlon Balderston  
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

**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, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

**Minute for Mission—Empty Stockings** Brenda Hiscott & Rev Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

## The Praise of God

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**+Call to Worship** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

Together, we choose to serve God, which means:

**We choose love.**

We choose hope.

**We choose peace.**

We choose kindness.

**We choose welcome.**

We choose justice.

**We choose to serve God.**

Let us worship almighty God.

**+Hymn 475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

## Confessing

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**Call to Confession** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*  
**Prayer of Confession** God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you. 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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**Anthem** "Keep Your Lamps" Andre Thomas  
Chancel Choir

**Moment with Children**

Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*

**(9:00)** Children age four to third grade may depart for Kids Worship

**(11:10)** Children remain in worship with their families

**(9:00 & 11:10)** There is a nursery for children ages 0-3. There is also a family room for watching the service in the parlor.

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**Song of Illumination**      “Sanctuary”  
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you. (repeat)**

**Scripture Lesson**      Luke 17:11-19  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      Healed Through Gratitude      Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**Hymn 647**      “Give Thanks”      GIVE THANKS

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## 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      Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*  
**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**      Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

**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**      “For the Beauty of the Earth”      John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

**+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.**

**+Prayer of Thanksgiving**      Kathy McPherson (9:00) | Andrew Benbow (11:10)

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## Departing

**+Hymn 336**      “We Gather Together”      KREMSEK

**+Benediction**

**+Choral Response**      “Go With Us Lord”      TALLIS’ CANON

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

**Postlude**      “O Worship the King”      arr. Elizabeth Krouse  
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

## Announcements

**Youth:** Youth group is tonight 5-7 PM. Middle school Bible study is 10:20 AM on Sunday mornings and high school Bible study is Thursday mornings 7:30-8:15 AM at PineScone Southern Pines.

**Children:** We are so excited for our Blessed to be a Blessing Dinner tonight at 5:00 PM. Children of all ages and their families are invited to join us as we have a time of fellowship and Thanksgiving and the opportunity to bless others in the process! No evening children's programs on Sunday, November 26.

**2023 Giving:** We are grateful for your commitment to Brownson through your 2023 Pledge. Pledges must be received in the church office by December 31 to be credited in 2023 (postmarked or dropped in our drop box at the Tower door or mailbox in the front circle). If you would like to complete your pledge online, visit [brownsonchurch.org/give](http://brownsonchurch.org/give).

**2024 Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards:** Thank you for your generous support of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. If you haven't submitted your pledge - it's not too late! Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex or the church office. You can also submit your pledge online, by visiting: [brownsonchurch.org/give](http://brownsonchurch.org/give). You may also call in your pledge to our Bookkeeper, Tracy Kelly—910.692.6252.

**Coat Drive**—Please bring a new or gently used coat, children's size 6 through adult medium, for our annual coat drive to help support our friends at Southern Pines Elementary School. Donations can be dropped off in the large box in the Atrium and will be collected through November 30.

**DATE CHANGE**—Please join the Worship Team to decorate the Sanctuary on **Saturday, December 2, 2023** and note that this is a change of date to better align with Advent. We will begin by assembling the trees at **10 AM.**, so we are calling all strong and able folks to come early and then will have a "second shift" at **12:30 PM** for those families with young children who may be attending the local Christmas parade in the morning and want to continue the Christmas festivities and cheer. We will have hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and lots of fun!

**Empty Stocking** Consider sharing Christ's love this Christmas season by providing gifts for a local family in need. Families are available for distribution. To be paired with a family, please contact Brenda Hiscott: [hiscott@nc.rr.com](mailto:hiscott@nc.rr.com), 910-295-9544; Donations are also being accepted to pay for meal vouchers.

**Caroling and Chili Cook Off** – Join us on **Sunday, December 3**, for our first ever caroling and chili cook off night! Caroling for homebound members will begin at Penick Village at 3 PM. The chili cook off begins at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Adults pay a \$5 fee; all children (18 and under) eat free. You are welcome to participate in one or both parts of the evening! Interested chili cooks or event volunteers, please contact Sharon Ramsey at [sharonramsey.nc@gmail.com](mailto:sharonramsey.nc@gmail.com).

**Santa's Workshop** volunteers are needed on **Wednesday December 6 from 8:30 AM -5 PM** at Northern Moore Family Resource Center in Robbins! Volunteers will assist needy families in shopping in the store that has been set up at the Hope Learning Academy. There are five time slots (1.5 hours each) that you can sign up for. Contact Sara Conti at [sara.conti76@gmail.com](mailto:sara.conti76@gmail.com) to sign up.

**Parents' Night Out**—Brownson Church is excited to host a Parents' Night Out on Friday, **December 8 from 5-8 PM.** We know there are many military families in our community facing the challenge of deployment and increased service responsibilities. We hope that this night may offer families in need of a break a few hours of childcare, giving you some time to take care of you. **RSVP by December 2.** For details and sign up, use the QR code printed here:



**Invite a Friend Sunday**—On Sunday, **December 10 at 9 & 11:10 AM** services, we encourage you to invite a friend to worship with us and enjoy our Christmas Cantata. This is a wonderful Sunday to share Brownson Church with a friend.

## Serving Today

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

**9:00 AM** Head Usher: Frank Quis, Missy Quis, Rick & Ruth Bergin

**11:10 AM** Head Usher: Wes Little, Ed Monroe, Cornelia Morris

## Advent Calendar

**Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent**  
**9 & 11:10 AM** Services

**3:00 PM** – Caroling to our homebound members

**5:30 PM** – Chili Cookoff in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent**  
**9 & 11:10 AM** Christmas Cantata

**10 AM** Higher Grounds and Connect Groups

**Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent**  
**9 & 11:10 AM** Services

**10 AM** Higher Grounds and Connect Groups

**Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

**11:10 AM** Traditional Service

**4 PM** – Service for Families

**6 PM** – Service with Candlelight, Carols and Communion

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

From 8:45 AM—12:15 PM, 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

Children Pre-K through grade 5 will be invited from Higher Grounds at 10:15 AM to join Kelli for connect classes.

### YOUTH

Middle school youth will be invited from Higher Grounds at 10:15 AM to join Erin for connect class.

### ADULT GROUPS

**The Living Word Today** Conference Room A at 10 AM or Zoom  
Log in to Zoom.com using Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

**The Ligon Bible Class** Conference Room B at 10 AM

**Donuts and Devotionals** Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon

**Women of the Way** Meet in the Parlor at 10 AM. Led by Alice Herrington

## Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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

\***Men's Fellowship Breakfast** Tuesday, November 21, 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

\***Men's Theology on Tap** No bible study on Wednesday, November 22.

## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### SANDHILLS COALITION:

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

TWO DROP OFF LOCATIONS: Baskets in the narthex or Starbucks Drive Thru, Taylortown.

Contact Rev. Austin Vernon, [discipleship@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@brownsonchurch.org)

### THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Second Tuesday of the month, 9 AM—11 AM
- Sign up to Volunteer on November 21, December 19
- Contact: Bob McCall, [rdm36@charter.net](mailto:rdm36@charter.net)

## Prayers and Praise

**Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God given by the family of Lynda F. Boone. Lynda's Celebration of Life service was held at Brownson yesterday.

**Hospital/Rehab:** Dick Kuehl, Anne Collins