

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ



February 14, 2024—5:30 PM

2024 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton
Betsy Robinson | Beverley Pellom | Bill Berger | David McNeill | David Malan | David Wood | Don Branch
Jane Howard | John Bullard | Kara Vonderkall | Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Lee Pittman
Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Morrison | Sara James | Dixon Ciccone (Y) | Arianne Monroe (Y)

Rev. John Hage—senior pastor

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

Rev. Austin Vernon—associate pastor of 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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www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252

Sunday Worship | 9:00 & 11:10 AM

Livestream | 5:30 PM



Gathering

Musical Meditation

“Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 2 in d Minor”
Diana Kirkpatrick, cello

J. S. Bach

+Call to Worship

Let us worship God.
God sent Christ into the world.
Not to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him.

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

God’s love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength,
A present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God’s love endures forever.

+Hymn 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
Verses 1, 3 & 4

WONDROUS LOVE

Prayer of the Day

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*
Gracious God, out of Your love and mercy You breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve You and neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for Your mercy; in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

“Pieta”
The Chancel Choir | Talia Rodriguez, Flute

Joseph Martin

The Word

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 51:10-17

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Sermon

Finding Courage Through Vulnerability

Anthem

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”
The Chancel Choir

CREATE IN ME

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Missions*
Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Amen.

Litany of Penitence

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

We confess to you, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways to our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, O God.

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, O God.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, O God.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

Accept our repentance, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

Accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Hear us in this time of silent prayer.

Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please come forward from the inner aisle of your section to receive the imposition of ashes.

The minister marks the forehead of each person, saying:

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Please return to your seat from the outer aisles.

If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand for a Pastor to come to you for the imposition of ashes.

+Congregational Response

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of our Savior,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ’s resurrection. Amen.

+Hymn 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

Vs. 1, 3 & 5

Blessing and Charge

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

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

Postlude

“Sarabande in e Minor”

G. F. Handel

Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

A full service nursery where loving staff are ready to welcome your children is available to anyone in need tonight.



“Pieta”

In the shadow of a manger, by a candle’s dancing flame,
Tender Mary holds her baby, and she breathes His holy name.

“Jesus rest your weary head, close your weeping eyes.”

As evening falls, she starts to sing a lullaby.

“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.”

In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home,
Mary sees her child of wonder, and she marvels how He’s grown.

“Jesus rest your weary head, and think on gentle things.”

With loving arms she holds her Savior and she sings,

“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight.”

In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky,
Mary gently cradles Jesus. Through her tears she says goodbye.

“Jesus rest your weary head. Your work on earth is done.”

And as the darkness falls, she whispers to her son,

“Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight, peace be yours tonight.”



Lenten Challenge—Commit to being in worship during Lent

During this season of Lent, we challenge you to help us bring people into the pews at Brownson Church. Invite those you miss seeing to sit with you and let them know that they are missed in worship! If you have been watching from home, or out of the habit of coming to worship in person, we invite you back! It’s a great time to recommit yourself to the practice of worshipping God!

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday—March 24, 2024

9 AM—Worship

10 AM—Higher Grounds & Small Groups

11:10 AM—Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

7 PM Tenebrae Service

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

12 PM Prayer Service

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

9 AM—Worship

10 AM—Higher Grounds & Small Groups

11:10 AM—Worship

Ushers serving this evening:

Frank Quis, Don & Brenda Hiscott, Alex Bowness