

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

May 3, 2026



## 2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

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**Kelli Garbett**—director of children and their families  
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**Amy Shortt**—director of music ministries

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM  
Livestream | 11:10 AM

## Prelude

Moore Brass

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

**News of the Church Alive**

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**Minute for Mission**

All Together Initiative

Art Edgerton, *Clerk of Session*

**+Call to Worship**

Rev. Karen C. Allen, *former Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

We gather to remember the faithfulness of God through generations.

**With gratitude, we recall all that God has done.**

In seasons of joy and challenge, God has been present.

**Guiding, sustaining, and calling us forward.**

As those who have come before us have walked by faith,

**So we step forward in faith today.**

Let us worship the God who was, and is to come.

**We worship with grateful hearts and hopeful faith.**

**+Opening Hymn**

*The Church's One Foundation*

arr. John Ferguson

Stanzas 1— All | 2—Choir | 3— All | 4— Choir | 5—All

## The Church's One Foundation



*Cong. 1* The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
*Choir 2* E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
*Cong. 3* Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
*Choir 4* Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
*Cong. 5* Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schisms. . rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

**Text:** Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
**Music:** Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

**The Church's One Foundation** (11-10965) arr. John Ferguson

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**Call to Confession**Rev. Cynthia Strickland, *former Parish Associate***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and faithful God, We confess that while we remember your goodness in the past, we often hesitate to trust you with our future. We cling to what is familiar, and resist the new paths you place before us. We forget that the same Christ who walked with disciples on the road walks with us still-guiding, renewing, and calling us forward. Forgive us for our doubts and fears. Renew our trust in your promises. Open our eyes to recognize your presence among us, and strengthen us to move forward in faith. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 will sing when invited on repeat.

**Assurance of Pardon**Rev. David Cagle, *former Associate Pastor***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)****Moment with Children**Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*Zoe Anne Cagle, *former Christian Educator* | Libby Marsh, *Children's Ministry Volunteer*

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

**Video Reflection of Our History**Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor***Remembering with Gratitude, Moving Forward in Faith****Song of Illumination***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**

Luke 24:13-35

Holy Bible, page 966

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon**

Remembering with Gratitude, Moving Forward in Faith

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**+Hymn 223**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

Stanzas 1 and 4

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Introduction of Confirmands & Covenant Partners**

Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*

Harry Berg—Diane Westbrook | Nick Blanton—Pat Henry | Beckett Ciccone— Gerald Ostlund  
Caroline Depenbrock—Allison Harris | Tessa Hage—Ann Edgerton | Addisyn Herring—Ann Absher  
Evan Holmes—Jared Garbett | Carmie Hunter—Peggy Floyd | Charlie Monroe—John Cates  
Hunter Monroe—Cooper Carter | Allison Polkow—Laura Staal | Jocelyn Telles—Nicole Benbow  
Collins Walker—Missy Quis | Julie Wilson—Christine Hall | Eason Hodgkin—Ed Monroe

**Questions of Confirmands**

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**Prayer**

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

**Litany for Confirmands**

Art Edgerton, *Clerk of Session*

We have a vision of deepening the discipleship and investing in the next for our young people in the church!

**Where each young person is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and is helped to grow in faith;**

Where youth and adults, together as partners, create a community which celebrates diversity and cherishes each other's gifts,

**Where young people are challenged and enabled to respond to God's call to wholeness in their lives and in the world,**

And where young people discover and claim over and over again the Good News of God's redeeming and sustaining love.

**We offer our commitment to you, to walk with you, in this journey of faith and discipleship.**

**Anthem**

*O God Beyond All Praising*

arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings with out number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through Him are given the final victory

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring, that we who know Your favor may serve you as our King. And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still: to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, and make a joyful duty our song of praise.

Our sacrifice of praise.

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**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

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.*

**Prayer after Communion**

Rev. Karen C. Allen, *former Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

**Invitation to the Offering**

Lisa Hughes, *Elder*

*The Congregation of Brownson cast their votes and selected three organizations who will receive our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Offering today. They are: **Trinity AME Zion Church** (Southern Pines), **L'Epée School for the Deaf** (Nueva Cajamarca, Peru) and **First Health Hospice House** (West End). We appreciate your generosity as we are called to serve the community beyond ourselves.*

**Offertory**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Albert Hay Malotte, arr. John Moss

Moore Brass

**+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**

Rev. David Cagle, *former Associate Pastor*

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**+Hymn** *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen* Cherwien

ALL: **Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;  
May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.**

CHOIR: Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;  
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.  
Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.

CHOIR: Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;  
Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.  
Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.

ALL: **Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;  
Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.**

**+Benediction**

**+Choral Benediction**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

arr. Rutter

The Chancel Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
To shine upon you and be gracious  
And be gracious, unto you  
The Lord lift up the light  
Of his countenance upon you  
The Lord lift up the light  
Of his countenance upon you  
And give you peace. Amen.

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

You're invited to the front of the Sanctuary immediately following worship for a church family picture.

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**Worship Participants**

Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregation Care and Connection

Rev. Karen C. Allen, former Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Rev. David Cagle, former Associate Pastor

Zoe Anne Cagle, former Christian Educator

Art Edgerton, Clerk of Session

Kelli Garbett, Director of Children and their Families

Lisa Hughes, Elder

Libby Marsh, Children's Ministry Volunteer

Erin Pollock, Director of Youth and their Families

Amy Shortt, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Cynthia Strickland, former Parish Associate

**A Word of Thanks** to Carol Haney, Elaine Sills and Beth Carpenter for their dedicated work leading up to today's events.



## 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](mailto:aherrington7@gmail.com)) or Bill Berger ([bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com](mailto:bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com)).

**Save the Date, VBS 2026**, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

**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!

**All Together Initiative:** Please help us during the discernment phase of our All Together Initiative. You will receive a survey to complete this evening. All responses are sent directly with our outside facilitator and are completely confidential.

## Music Notes

On this special 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday, we offer our heartfelt thanks to our guest musicians – Moore Brass and timpani player Wayne Osborn – for enriching our worship. We are also deeply grateful to our chancel Choir for their faithful leadership and musical offering.

As we celebrate this milestone in the life of Brownson, I want to extend sincere appreciation to our congregation for your continued support of the music ministry. Your encouragement and commitment make it possible to offer music that inspires, uplifts, and brings our community together in meaningful worship. With gratitude, Amy.

## Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

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

**PW Circle 4**—Thursday, May 7, at 10:15 AM, in Conference Room C.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**—Tuesday, May 5, at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets every first Wednesday at 3 PM in Conference Room C. We invite anyone who knits or crochets to join us.

## Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and to all the Saints, past and living who have lived their faith in the 90 years of Brownson Church. Gratefully, Tom and Beth Hill.

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 AM services, 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

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children at both services 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: 849 0052 9560, Passcode: 209651

**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 McNeil.

**Donuts and Devotionals**—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

### HIGHER GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome to join in a time of fellowship, coffee and donuts in the Atrium during the 10 o'clock hour.

## Serving Today

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

**(10:30 AM)** Head Ushers: Steve Brooks, Charles Harris, Debbie Brooks, Ruth Burgin, Duck and Shirley Rufty, Gregg Allen, Wes Little, Ed Monroe, Sarah Garry.

## Kids & Youth Connect Groups

### KIDS CONNECT

Tonight is the last Kids Connect gathering of the year! All kids and their parents are invited to celebrate with us 5–6:30 PM beginning in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information about Brownson Kids, please contact Kelli: [children@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:children@brownsonchurch.org).

### YOUTH CONNECT

Tonight is the last youth group of the year! All youth are invited to celebrate with us 5-6:30 PM in the youth suite. Final payments for Montreat and ASP are also due today. If you would like more information about Brownson Youth contact Erin: [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org)

## 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](mailto:cschunk@guilford.edu)