

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

June 22, 2025

## WALKING IN WISDOM

*A study in Proverbs*



### 2025 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger  
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | David Wood | Gena Smith | Jane Howard | Kara Vonderkall  
Kamron Monroe | Kathy McPherson | Keith Walvoord | Lee Pittman | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg  
Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison | Luke Markotich (Y) | Janie 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

**Amy Shortt**—director of music ministries

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Sunday Worship | 10 AM

Livestream | 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 or phone number as we would love to connect with you. Please print legibly.*

Prelude *Joyful Day* Hayes  
Amy Shortt, piano

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*

Musical Meditation *Hey, Hey, Hey* VBS TRUE NORTH

## The Praise of God

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+Call to Worship When we wonder or feel alone, Brayden Picerno  
**We can trust Jesus.**  
When we need hope or need help,  
**We can trust Jesus.**  
Let us worship God.

+Hymn *This is the Day* VBS TRUE NORTH

## Confessing

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Call to Confession Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*  
Prayer of Confession **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 *I Will Trust You God* VBS TRUE NORTH  
VBS Preschool

Moment with Adults Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*  
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 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am* TAKE ME AS I AM  
**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**  
*Congregation to join on repeat.*

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Scripture Lesson	Proverbs 4:1-4 Proverbs 6:20-22 The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Holy Bible, page 576 Holy Bible, page 578
Sermon	Wisdom of Faith Formation	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Special Music	<i>Let's Trust in Jesus</i>	VBS True North

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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**      Apostle's 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

**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**      *My God is Powerful*      VBS True North  
VBS K-5

**+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**      Wesley Little

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## Departing

**+Hymn Insert**      *'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus*      TRUST IN JESUS

**+Benediction**      Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**+Congregational Response**      *Jesus Loves Me!*      Jesus Loves Me  
**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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

**Postlude**      *All Glory Be to God on High*      Joseph Prentiss

## Announcements

Please join us for a **Family Meal following the 10 AM worship service today.** Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served from Fellowship Hall. No RSVP necessary. Come for the fellowship and fun. All are welcome as we share the hospitality of Brownson with our VBS friends! VBS donations are covering the cost of the meal.



**Red Cross Blood Drive** on Thursday, July 3, from 11 AM—4 PM in Fellowship Hall. Help save lives during a time of critical need — donate blood at our upcoming drive and make a life-changing difference this summer! To sign up, please use the QR code to the left or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Type in Zip Code. Click on Make an Appointment. Scroll down to Brownson's schedule.

**Summer in the Psalms** - This summer, a take-home devotional will be provided that guides you through the riches of the book of Psalms by studying one Psalm per week. This faith formation resource is geared toward all ages and families. The study will be available in the Atrium with a new edition coming out on July 6 and August 3.

The Congregational Care Team will be hosting a **Summer Social on Sunday, July 6**, outside on the lawn immediately following worship. Please join us for light refreshments and a fun time of fellowship as we connect with one another!

**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](http://brownsonchurch.org/give) and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



**Join us for the 2025 Church Retreat** - Registration for the 2025 Brownson Church Retreat is open! The retreat will be November 7-9 at Camp Caraway and the retreat speaker is Rev. Ernie Thompson. Ernie is a retired PC(USA) pastor who led congregations in Wilmington and Greensboro and will be speaking on the theme "Fully Alive" for the retreat. For the past three years, the retreat has served as a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, great food, fun activities and worship. It is for ALL ages and all size families! You can register at [www.brownsonchurch.org/registration](http://www.brownsonchurch.org/registration). The deadline to register is September 21.

## Music Notes

### COME SING WITH US THIS SUMMER!

The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 9 AM in the Sanctuary each Sunday during the months of June and August. No mid-week rehearsal. ALL are welcome! High school and college students, we'd love to have YOU sing with us!

aCHOIRing Voices will sing on June 29 and August 10. Open to ALL singers grade 3 and up! Rehearsal at 9 AM in the sanctuary. Sing at the 10 AM service.



## Prayers and Praise

**Hospital/Rehab:** Stu White (MRH), Phillip Duggins (MRH).

## Sunday Morning

### NURSERY

During the 10 AM service, Brownson has a full service nursery in the Education Building for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to welcome your children. Please see an usher for assistance.

### CHILDREN and YOUTH

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children 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 9 AM or Zoom. Log in to Zoom.com: Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818 Passcode: 664945.

**The Ligon Bible Class**—This class studies: *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 9 AM. Led by Linda Branch and Mary Margaret McNeill.

**Donuts and Devotionals**—Join us in Conference Room C at 9 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.

## Kids & Youth Connect

### KIDS CONNECT

Reach out to Kelli at [children@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:children@brownsonchurch.org) with any questions.

### YOUTH CONNECT

Youth group will resume in September. Parents, look for emails about summer youth activities and trip updates.

Reach out to Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org) with any questions.

## Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

**Theology on Tap**—Resumes in September.

## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### SANDHILLS COALITION

This summer, please consider donating needed food items to the Coalition. During summer break, the demand for shelf-staple food items increases significantly because students do not receive breakfast and lunch at school. Your food donations are needed now more than ever for families in need! Also, please note the Coalition cannot accept expired food items.

- DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.
- DROP OFF LOCATION: Baskets in the Narthex
- Questions? Contact Caryl Schunk, [cschunk@guilford.edu](mailto:cschunk@guilford.edu).

### THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors.
- Sign up to volunteer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 1-3 PM.
- Contact: Don Branch at [debranch@gmail.com](mailto:debranch@gmail.com).

### FAMILY PROMISE

- Assisting homeless women with children. Volunteers needed for providing dinners and overnight hosts.
- Dates: June 30—July 3, 2025
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, [cdimarco@nc.rr.com](mailto:cdimarco@nc.rr.com).

## Serving Today

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

Head Usher: Allan Beck, Logan & Ashleigh Beck, John Eddy, Ben Eddy, Dave Devendorf, Hank Roofe, Brownson Kids and Youth.