

BROWNSON

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

July 13, 2025



The Parable of the Good Samaritan by Bertram Poole

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

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
Sunday Worship | 10 AM
Livestream | 10 AM



Gathering

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Paul Taylor
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*

Montreat Commissioning Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship People of God, what are we here to do?
To love the Lord our God with heart and soul, strength and might.
What are we here to do?
To love our neighbors as ourselves.
Let us worship God this day.

+Hymn 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Confessing

Call to Confession Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*
Prayer of Confession Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are often selfish and pessimistic; hollow and hardened; or too tired to give of ourselves. Forgive our arrogance and apathy. Cleanse our hearts that we might find courage to live as a love requires, and grace to receive love in return. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose love has no boundary. Amen.

Kyrie



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

Musical Meditation, Hymn 205 *Live in Charity* Ubi Caritas (Taize)
Solo 1st, Quartet, Congregation joins on repeat
Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Moment with Children Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*
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.

Song of Illumination 698	<i>Take, O Take Me as I Am</i> Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. <i>Congregation to join on repeat.</i>	TAKE ME AS I AM
Scripture Lesson	Luke 10:25-37 Landon and Lainey Wilson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 948
Sermon	To Be a Neighbor	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Hymn 203	<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love</i>	CHERE PONI

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	Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions Affirmation of Faith – A Brief Statement of Faith 11.2 We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.
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+Gloria	<i>Gloria Patri</i> 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.	GREATOREX
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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	<i>The Greatest Commandment</i> Quartet	Paul Zach
+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	OLD HUNDREDTH
+Prayer of Thanksgiving	Bill Berger	

Departing

+Hymn 766	<i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i>	McKee
+Benediction		Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, Associate Pastor
+Choral Response	<i>Go Ye Now In Peace</i>	Joyce Eilers
	<i>A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.</i>	
Postlude	<i>Fanfare</i>	Robert J. Powell

Announcements

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 August 3.

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 and schedule a weekly or monthly payment, or through your bank's bill pay option or by using this QR code.



New Member Meet and Greet will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025, immediately following the Worship Service, in the Parlor. Join us to learn more about becoming a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Has your contact information changed? We want to know! If you have had a change in address, phone number, or email, please contact Darlene Bostelman at assist@brownsonchurch.org so we can update your information and stay in touch!

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. The deadline to register is September 21.

Music Notes

COME SING WITH US THIS SUMMER!



Prayers and Praise

Christian Sympathy to Martha Butler upon the death of her sister, Mary Helen Royster, on July 5, 2025.

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Tuesday, July 15, 7:00 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs, 1850 US 1, Southern Pines. Led by Bill Berger.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

Head Usher: Chris Jordan, Paula Zellers, Marjorie Heffner, Chris & Kelley Kibler.

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 10 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 10 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

Kids Connect activities will resume in September. Be on the lookout for emails about summer activities!

Reach out to Kelli at 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 with any questions.

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.

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors.
- Sign up to volunteer on the 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 PM.
- Contact: Don Branch at debranch@gmail.com.

SUMMER READING STATION

This summer, Brownson is assisting Partners for Children and Families with their summer reading stations program, which provides summer reading materials to children, reading tips and other resources to parents, snacks and water, and coloring/activity books for young children. Brownson adults, youth, and children are encouraged to volunteer at the Southern Pines Pool Park (735 S. Stephens St) on Tuesday, July 22. There are two shifts available: 10 AM – 1 PM and 1 PM – 4 PM. Even if you can only give an hour or two of your time, we would love to see you there! To sign up or get more information, please contact Caryl Schunk at cschunk@guilford.edu or 336-312-2216.