

BROWNSON

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

July 26, 2026



Can You See It?

2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan | Donna Chapin | Farra Wilson | Gena Smith
Jane Howard | Jan Stone | Jeff Ward | John Krahntert | Kara Vonderkall
Keith Walvoord | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg | Patrick Depenbrock | Pat Henry | Roy Cameron | Ryan Morrison
Ruth Burgin | Hardin Freberg (Y) | Ella Hall (Y)

Rev. John Hage—senior pastor
Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin—associate pastor for congregational care and connection
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 | 10:30 AM
Livestream | 10:30 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 write legibly.

Prelude *Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace* Taize
Brownson Summer Choir

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*

ASP Commissioning Gerald Ostlund

Peru Mission Trip Commissioning

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Pearl Hage and Pat Smith

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed— the smallest of seeds, planted in the earth.

Open our eyes, O God, to see your Kingdom growing among us.

Though it begins small, God brings forth life beyond what we can imagine.

We come with hope and expectation, ready to worship the God whose Kingdom is already breaking into our world.

Confessing

+Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes that I May See* OPEN MY EYES

Call to Confession Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession Gracious God, we confess that we often overlook your quiet work among us. We search for the spectacular and miss the small seeds of grace you are planting each day. Open our eyes to see your Kingdom, open our hearts to trust your promises, and renew us by your Spirit so that we may join in your work with faith, hope, and love. 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

Cantor to sing first. Congregation will sing when invited 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

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 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY
**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:31-32 Holy Bible, page 892
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Can You See It?	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 519	<i>You Are My Strength when I am Weak</i>	JERNIGAN

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. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
	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	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	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.
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Invitation to the Offering		Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Offertory Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Heather Sorenson
	The Brownson Summer Choir	
+Presentation of Gifts	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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	Farra Wilson	

Departing

+Hymn 307	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	CWM RHONDA
+Benediction		
+Congregational Response 80	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	THE TREES OF THE FIELD
Choir:	You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth before you; There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands;	
Congregation:	And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; The trees of the field will clap their hands; *(clap, clap) The trees of the field will clap their hands; *(clap, clap) While you go out with joy.	
	* See music note on the back of the Bulletin.	

Postlude	Amy Shortt, organ
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A moment of silence followed by three chimes, signifying the Trinity, concludes Worship.

Announcements

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!

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.



Sunday, August 3—The American tradition of **Kirkin' of the Tartans** was initiated by Rev. Peter Marshall at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. During WWII. Rev. Marshall was a Scot and used the Kirkin' to raise funds for the British war effort. The St. Andrew's Society of Washington D.C. conducted the Kirkin' which is now held annually at the National Cathedral. Thanks to the St. Andrew's Society of NC for conducting this service. Presbyterian Churches across the country, including Brownson, have continued this tradition in celebration of our Scottish heritage.

Save the Date!

SEPTEMBER 13

All Together Initiative
Tell Me A Story Event and
Programmatic Year Kickoff

One service at
10:30 AM
with a church family
potluck following worship.

During the lunch,
we will gather
at the table for a
Tell Me A Story time.

*Please bring a
covered dish to share!*

During the potluck lunch, we will gather at the table for a *Tell Me A Story* time. We will have conversations about when we have seen Brownson at its best and discuss moments that reveal the church's DNA and core values. We look forward to you joining us for this special time in the All Together Initiative process.

5th Annual Church Retreat - All are invited to join us for the Brownson Church Retreat Nov. 13-15 at Caraway Conference Center. The theme for this year's retreat is **"Bind Us Together"** and will be woven through preaching, discussion, music, recreation, fellowship and creative offerings. We also welcome back Rev. Ernie Thompson as the retreat speaker. Rev. Thompson is a retired PC(USA) pastor who served congregations in Greensboro and Wilmington during his ministry. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Registration is open and can be found on the Brownson website. Any questions can be brought to Kelli Garbett or Erin Pollock.



It's that time of year again...Children are heading back to school so we're holding our **3rd Annual Shoe Drive for Northern Moore Family Resource Center** in Robbins. We're setting an ambitious goal of 200 pairs of new gym shoes for students ages 4-18! We'll be collecting each Sunday starting August 2 through September! Watch for collection containers in the Narthex and Atrium.

The Adult Discipleship Team invites you to a Dinner Conversation! All are invited to a Taco Bar dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5 PM. Beginning at 5:30 PM, childcare will be available in the Education building for kids up to 5th grade.

Following dinner, we will hear from Dr. Mark Chaves from Duke Divinity School. Dr. Chaves is a professor of sociology and religion who will lead us in a conversation on the religious landscape of America in the 21st century. He will discuss current trends in church life and the forces shaping participation in religious institutions. We hope you will join us as we learn together and consider how Brownson might continue to grow and serve in the time in which we live.

Registration is available on the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Adult Discipleship Ministry Team Chair, Bill Berger, at bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com, or Rev. Elizabeth Doolin at Elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org.

Music Notes

Everyone is invited to sing in Summer Choir during the months of June and July! Rehearsal begins in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. No prior experience necessary. All are welcome! Come and lead with us in worship. Childcare is available in the educational building starting at 9:15 AM.

Our closing response, *"You Shall Go Out with Joy,"* is based on Isaiah 55:12: *"You shall go out in joy... the trees of the field shall clap their hands."* Throughout Scripture, clapping is also a joyful expression of praise (Psalm 47:1; Psalm 98:8). As we sing, the clapping is not applause, but a simple act of worship that echoes creation's joyful response to the abundant life given in and through God. If clapping is not your preferred way of participating, please feel free to simply sing with joy. Whether through singing, clapping, or quiet reflection, may we all leave worship carrying Christ's joy into the world.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(10:30 AM) Head Usher: Charles Harris, Patrick Depenbrock, Gregg Allen, Wes Little, Sarah Garry

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and are a gift to the church to brighten everyone's day with color. As well as our loved ones that are still here and also to our loved ones that have moved on to heaven. Given by Chris and Kelly Kibler.

Christian Sympathy: to Hilda Cameron upon the death of her sister, Nancy Wainwright on 7/12/26.

Christian Sympathy: to Ellie Collins upon the death of her sister, Jane Reynolds on 7/20/26.

Christian Sympathy: to Blanche Woodruff upon the death of her brother, Scott Readshaw on 7/18/26.

Hospital/Rehab: Fred Nuenighoff— MRH

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