

Announcements

Bridges of Faith – Join Brownson friends and others in the community for an engaging interfaith panel discussion at Sandhills Community College on Sunday, October 26 at 2 PM. The event is free to the public, but registration is required. Sign up at <https://sandhillscscc-register.fundfive.com/course/section/22536>.

Rise Against Hunger – Join us on Sunday, October 19, in Fellowship Hall for our annual Rise Against Hunger food packing event. All ages are encouraged to participate in this fun, intergenerational service opportunity as we pack 20,000 meals to combat food insecurity around the world. Register online at <https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/BrownsonMemorialPres25>

Youth Sunday Serve- On November 2, Brownson Youth will serve members of the congregation. If you are interested in youth coming to your home to lend a hand, please reach out to Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org or 443-223-8930. This was by far one of their favorite events last year. They loved being able to give back to a congregation that gives them so much support.

Pine Needle Baskets: Today, we use pine needle baskets in worship as a reminder of Brownson’s beginnings. In the early years, when there were not enough funds to build a full sanctuary, members crafted and sold these baskets to support the church. Their creativity and sacrifice helped make this community possible, and we give thanks for their lasting witness.

What Brownson means to me—As you leave church today, please take a moment to stop by the board located in the Narthex and add a note about what Brownson means to you!

Historical Writings of the early history of Brownson Church are available in the Church Library to check out. The library is open Monday-Thursday from 9-4 PM. This same document can be found by visiting our website: <https://brownsonchurch.org/our-story>

Music Notes

Concluding Hymn Tradition
Until November 2, we will close worship with *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. Dr. Marcus Brownson asked that this hymn be sung so each member would leave with “the song of the Cross stamped upon their hearts” as they went into the world.

Prayers and Praise

Today’s **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God and in joyful celebration of the birthdays of our sons, Liam and Walker by Will & Gracyn Myrick.

Member Deaths: We share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Charles Lewis upon his death on October 1, 2025. A service was held at Brownson on October 11, 2025.

We also share in the hope of the risen Christ with the family of Carol Elam upon her death on October 7. Her service will be held in the Sanctuary at 2 PM on October 16.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

- SANDHILLS COALITION
- 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.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY
During the 9 & 11 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 though 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 10 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Austin Vernon.
Care 101 – This week the Rev. Sue Hudson will lead our class on *Caring Through Dementia*. Please join us as we learn about the important work of caring for those experiencing brain changes. We will meet at 10AM in the Cornerstone Room.

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

Kids & Youth Connect

KIDS CONNECT
Join us for Kids Connect tonight from 5:00 - 6:45 beginning on the basketball court. We are continuing our study of Moses with fun and fellowship - we hope you'll join us! If you have any questions about kids programs, please reach out to Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

YOUTH CONNECT
Youth group is 5-7 PM tonight for everyone in grades 6-12. Meet in the youth suite for fun, fellowship, food and faith formation! High school Bible study is Thursday morning 7:30-8:20 AM at PineScone Southern Pines. If you have any questions about youth events, please contact Erin Pollock at youth@brownsonchurch.org.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:
(9 AM) Head Usher: Allan Beck, John and Ben Eddy, Dave Devendorf, Hank Roofe.
(11:10 AM) Head Ushers: Scott Absher, Chuck Davis, Lee Pittman, Will Herring, Ryan Riggan.

Mid Week Adult Connect Groups

Bible study groups invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.
Book of Matthew Fall Bible Study: Wednesday, October 8 at 10:30 AM, Cornerstone Conference Room. Led by Alice Herrington.
PW Circle 6— Monday, October 13, at 10 AM, Conference Room B. Led by Libby Marsh
PW Circle 3— Monday, October 13, at 11 AM, Conference Room C. Led by Sandra Olbon
PW Circle 2— Tuesday, October 14, at 10 AM, Conference Room C. Led by Elaine Sills



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 and organist

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Sunday Worship | 9 & 11:10 AM
Livestream | 11:10 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	<i>The Church’s One Foundation</i> Amy Shortt, organ	arr. Barton
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, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	
Minute for Mission	90 Years of Grace, Our Story, God’s Faithfulness	

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship	Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In God’s hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God’s also. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand. Let us worship God.	
+Hymn 353	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i> Stanza 1–All 2–Men 3– Women 4– All	SOLID ROCK

Confessing

Call to Confession	Rev. Austin Vernon, <i>Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions</i>	
Prayer of Confession	Gracious God, when the journey grows hard, we confess that we grumble instead of trust. We forget your past faithfulness and doubt your present care. We test your patience and question your presence. Forgive us for the ways we lose heart and for the times we give up too soon. Remind us again that you are the Rock who gives living water—the source of hope that never runs dry. In Christ’s name we pray. 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. <i>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.</i>	
+Congregational Response	<i>We Are Forgiven</i> We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)	Hal H. Hopson, 1995

The Proclamation of the Word

Moment with Children	Kelli Garbett, <i>Director of Children and their Families</i> 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.	
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Song of Illumination #466	<i>Come and Fill Our Hearts</i> Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and Fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia! <i>Congregation to join on repeat.</i>	<i>Taize</i>
Scripture Lesson	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-5 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.	Holy Bible, page 63 Holy Bible, page1029
Sermon	A Call to Perseverance	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 834	<i>Precious Lord Take My Hand</i>	PRECIOUS LORD

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. Elizabeth H. Doolin, <i>Associate Pastor for Congregational Care</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> 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

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>Praise His Holy Name</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	arr. Kenneth Hampton
+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	(9 AM) Dave Malan (11:10 AM) Bill Berger	

Departing

+Hymn 223	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	HAMBURG
+Benediction	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	
+Choral Response #539	<i>Go Ye Now in Peace</i> (9 AM) Quartet (11:10 AM) The Chancel Choir	Joyce Eilers

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

Postlude