

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## December 25, 2022

### Unity Service 11:10 AM In-Person and Online



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**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

**John Tyson**—director of music ministries

**Austin Vernon**—director of discipleship and missions

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## Gathering

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Prelude	“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” David Jesse, Organ	arr. Mark Williams
Ritual of Friendship	The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	
News of the Church Alive		Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>


## The Praise of God

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Introit	“Magnificat” Small Ensemble	Steve Parsons
+Call to Worship	Come, let us sing God’s praise with creation! <b>Praise God, sun and moon! Praise God, shining stars!</b> Come let us sing with Simeon and Anna! <b>Our eyes have seen salvation, God’s gift for all people!</b> Come let us sing God’s praise together <b>and worship the Christ-child born for us!</b>	
+Hymn 119	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	MENDELSSOHN

## Confessing

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Call to Confession		Austin Vernon, <i>Director of Discipleship and Missions</i>
Prayer of Confession	<b>We confess, Holy Creator, that we care more for ourselves than this world you made. We confess that we focus on our own wants at the expense of the needs of others. We confess, that we push you aside, scoffing at the idea that you are actually at work. Forgive us and guide us as we celebrate your birth, and shape us to be more like you. Amen.</b>	
Kyrie 551		
Assurance of Pardon	Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.	
Congregational Response	“We Are Forgiven” <b>We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)</b>	Hal H. Hopson, 1995

## The Proclamation of the Word

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Carol Sing		
Scripture Reading +Hymn 132	Luke 2:17–20 “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” (verses 1 & 3)	Rev. John Hage IN DULCI JUBILO
Scripture Reading +Hymn 146	Luke 1:46–55 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”	Erin Pollock TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
Scripture Reading +Hymn 128	Philippians 2:1–8 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	Austin Vernon W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY
Scripture Reading +Hymn 124	Isaiah 7:14 “Still, Still, Still”	Kelli Garbett STILL, STILL, STILL
Scripture Reading +Hymn 143	Luke 2:13–15 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”	Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin REGENT SQUARE

## Responding

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### Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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

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

### 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

"Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Arr. Adams

Matt Franks, euphonium

### +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

Roland Stout

## Departing

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### +Hymn 135

"Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow"

FOLLOW

### +Benediction

### +Congregational Response

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! While shepherd kept their  
watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there holy light.**

### Postlude

"I Saw Three Ships"

arr. Joseph Martin

David Jesse, organ

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

## Announcements

**2023 Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards** can be found in your pew, in the Narthex or the church office. It is not too late to submit your pledge online, by visiting: [brownsonchurch.org/giving](http://brownsonchurch.org/giving). You may also call in your pledge to our Bookkeeper, Tracy Kelly—910.692.6252.

**2022 Year End Giving** Year End Contributions must be received in the church office by **Thursday, December 29 at 1 PM** to be credited in 2022. You may drop your contribution in the lockbox at the tower door entrance to the Cornerstone building or in the locked mailbox in the front circle before 12/31/22. Any gifts postmarked by 12/31/22 will also be credited in 2022.

**New Member Meet & Greet:** January 22 @ 10:15 AM in the Cornerstone Building Conference Room. Join us to learn more about our vibrant and growing church.

**PW Book Discussion** via Zoom on *Call Me a Woman—On our Way to Equality and Peace*, January 9, 6:30–8:30 PM. To participate, register at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/justice).

**PW 2023–24 Scholarship Applications** are available in church office or on PW webpage for Brownson members pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or divinity school degree. For details, contact Linda Webb—910.690.2919.

**PW Mission Fund** will award up to a total of \$3,000 to selected non-profit, outreach organizations. To nominate a deserving group, complete the Mission Project Application available in church office or on PW webpage. Deadline is January 15, 2023. For details, contact Sandra Olbon—910.603.4804.

**Sunday, January 1—New Years Day**—One service @ **11:10 AM**—**No Higher Grounds**

## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### THE COALITION

**Gilmore Client Services—1500 Indiana Ave**

- Third Tuesday of each month 9 AM-11 AM
- Contact: Jan Lindstrom [mjlindstrom75@gmail.com](mailto:mjlindstrom75@gmail.com)

### THE FOOD BANK

- Second Tuesday of each month 9 AM-11 AM
- Contact: Bob McCall [rdm36@charter.net](mailto:rdm36@charter.net)

### BROWNSON BUDDIES

Join us for after school homework help one day/week at Southern Pines Elementary, assisting 4th-graders with basic math and reading. To sign up, contact Austin Vernon, [discipleship@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@brownsonchurch.org).

## Office Hours & Services This Week

Sunday, December 25—One Service at 11:10 AM

Monday, December 26—Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27—9-1 PM

Wednesday, December 28—9-1 PM

Thursday, December 29—9-1 PM

Sunday, January 1—One Service at 11:10 AM

Monday, January 2—Office Closed

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## YOUTH

Please put January 8, 5-7 PM on your calendar for the spring youth group kickoff. We will start with a parent and youth meeting about summer opportunities, eat a meal together and then play parent vs youth games.

In January we will begin the confirmation process. This is typically completed by 8th grade students and seeks to help them learn about the church, explore their faith, work closely with a covenant partner, and become members of Brownson Church. For more information contact Erin at [youth@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:youth@brownsonchurch.org).

## CHILDREN

Children's programming kicks off on January 8 at 5 PM.

## ADULTS

**Theology on Tap**—This small group for men of the church meets on Wednesdays at Table on the Green at 6 PM.

**Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast** - This men's group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. Contact Bill Berger for more information.

**Women**—Bible study is offered through six different Circles. For information, contact Membership Leader Nancy Ahlfeld at 910.235.4646 or visit [brownsonchurch.org/pw](http://brownsonchurch.org/pw).

**The Ligon Bible Class**—This class studies *The Present Word* quarterly curriculum. Join us in Conference Room B at 10 AM.

**The Living Word Today** (hybrid) - This class discusses current events through the lens of our Christian faith, using *The Wired Word* curriculum. Join us in Conference Room A or on Zoom at 10 AM. Meeting ID: 825 8501 9818. Passcode: 664945.

**Donuts and Devotionals** – Bring your coffee and donuts to Conference Room C at 10 AM as we discuss some of the most important stories in the New Testament.

## Serving Today

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

Head Usher: Don Power, Pat Henry, Chris & Kelley Kibler, Joan Power.

## Prayers and Praise

**Hospital/Rehab:** Norma Kilpatrick (Quail Haven)  
Fred Nuenighoff (St. Joe's)

**Christian Sympathy** to Ginger Monroe upon the death of her sister Robin Fulk on December 14.