

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## December 26, 2021

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



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**Rev. John Hage**—senior pastor

**Rev. Carolyn Helms**—transitional associate pastor of congregational care

**Kelli Garbett**—director of children 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 Bill Kissler—organ

Ritual of Friendship The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

News of the Church Alive

Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

## The Praise of God

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Musical Meditation “Here in Bethlehem” WEBB  
Sara Conti & Matthew Bailey

+Call to Worship John Tyson, *Director of Music Ministries*

Come, let us sing God’s praise with creation!

**Praise God, sun and moon! Praise God, shining stars!**

Come let us sing with Simeon and Anna!

**Our eyes have seen salvation, God’s gift for all people!**

Come let us sing God’s praise together

**and worship the Christ-child born for us!**

+Hymn 134 “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH  
Verses 1, 2 & 4

## Confessing

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Call to Confession Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

Prayer of Confession During this time of confession, we invite you to pray in the silence of your own heart....

Kyrie 551



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response “Emmanuel” MCGEE  
**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God with us,  
revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

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Anthem “Magnificat” PARSONS  
Small Ensemble

Scripture Reading Luke 2:17–20  
Hymn 132 “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” (verses 1 & 3) IN DULCI JUBILO

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46–55  
Hymn 146 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1–8  
Hymn 128 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:14  
Hymn 124 “Still, Still, Still” STILL, STILL, STILL

Scripture Reading Luke 2:13–15  
Hymn 143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” 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"

GREATORIX

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

"Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"  
Matt Franks—Euphonium

Arr. Adams

#### +Presentation of Gifts

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
**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

John French

## Departing

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#### +Hymn 135

"Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow"

FOLLOW

#### +Benediction

#### +Congregational Response

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"  
**Hark! The herald angels sing. Glory to the new born King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

#### Postlude

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

## Announcements

**Today's Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and given by the Little family in loving memory of George B. Little and in honor of his birthday.

The **Sacrament of Communion** will take place on next Sunday, January 2, 2022.

**2021 Contributions:** Just a friendly reminder that we must receive your check in the church office by noon on Thursday, 12/30, or postmarked by 12/31/21 to be credited in 2021.

**2022 Chancel Flower Calendar:** Please sign up to provide flowers on a Sunday in honor or in memory of a loved one. Using the sign up calendar in the Atrium. Contact Stacey Ostlund at [news@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:news@brownsonchurch.org)

**Member Discovery Class:** If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our vibrant, growing church, join us on Sunday, January 23 at 10 AM in the Atrium for a cup of coffee and a donut. The group will then meet on campus at 10:15 for a time with our pastor and Director of Member Ministries, Marilyn Baxter. To RSVP, please email Marilyn: [members@brownsonchurch.org](mailto:members@brownsonchurch.org).

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Will be held on Brownson's campus on January 7, 2022 from 1:30—6 PM in Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment visit: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code Brownson or call 800-733-2767.

## Prayers & Praise

**Hospital/Rehab:** Arnold Seawell (St. Joe's Rehab)

**Home:** Gladys Britt, Gary Ahlfeld

**Christian Sympathy** to Mara Fiskin upon the death of her mother, Foye Covington on 12/17.

## Serving Today

**Ushers:** Chris Jordan, Gregg Allen, Wes Little, Wesley Little, Don & Joan Power.

