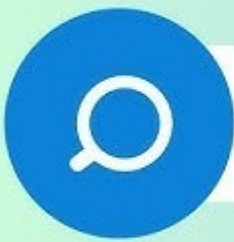


BROWNSON

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

May 10, 2026



what are you searching for?

2026 SESSION OF BROWNSON

Alex Bowness | Anne Friesen | Art Edgerton | Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger | Charles Harris
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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

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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 write legibly.

Prelude *Come Down, O Love Divine* DOWN APNEY
Amy Shortt, organ

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, *Senior Pastor*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship

(9 AM) Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor* (11:10 AM) Kaylee Wilson

God, you have made us to seek you—

We reach out, we wonder, we search for meaning and truth.

In every longing of our hearts, you are already near.

In you we live and move and have our being.

So we come to worship you—

Not what we have made, but the One who has made us.

+Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Confessing

Call to Confession

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

Prayer of Confession

God of truth and grace, we confess that we are always searching, but not always for you. We place our trust in what we can control, and we give our hearts to things that cannot give life. We have shaped our own “altars” out of success, security, comparison, and fear. Forgive us, O God. Turn us again toward you—the One who is not far from each of us. Open our eyes to your presence, and lead us into the life we have been searching for. 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

Baptism (11:10 AM)

Eleanor Marie Doolin, daughter of Tim and Elizabeth Doolin

Hymn 488 (11:10 AM)

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

Stanzas 1 and 2

Song of Illumination 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 17:22–31

Holy Bible, page 1012

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Matthew Bible Study – Join us for the Book of Matthew Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM – 12 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. If you have questions or need information, please contact Alice Herrington (aherrington7@gmail.com) or Bill Berger (bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com).

Save the Date, VBS 2026, June 22-25, 9-12 PM.

Save the Date, 5th Annual Church Retreat, November 13-15.

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!

Meet & Greet for Prospective New Members, Sunday May 31, 11:45 AM, Parlor—If you have been visiting Brownson and want to learn more about church membership, please join Rev. Elizabeth Doolin and members from the New Member Welcome Team for conversation and information about membership. Grab a coffee and donut and stop by!

Please join the **Presbyterian Women** as they gather in the Fellowship Hall on May 18 at 9:30 AM. Officers for the coming year will be installed, and an Honorary Life Membership will be bestowed. We'll have some fun with baby pictures, do some craft work together, and participate in a very special mission project. For more information, contact Gail Cameron at 804-436-6512.

Summer Hours: Beginning May 24 we will have ONE service at 10:30 AM. This will run through September 13.

BLC Playground Ribbon Cutting— May 17, between services at the BLC playground.

Music Notes

As we prepare to engage in the All Together Initiative, we are reminded that one of the most powerful ways God draws people together is through song. When we sing together, we do more than express personal taste or preference – we join our voices in prayer, praise, and shared faith.

Not every hymn or song will speak to each of us in the same way every week, but each one may become a source of encouragement, comfort, hope – an extra measure of grace for someone else. Congregational singing invites us beyond ourselves and into community. It is an act of generosity, unity, and worship.

So let us sing heartily, joyfully, with open minds and open hearts, helping one another lift our voices to God as one body in Christ.

Prayers and Praise

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God in honor and recognition of all Mother's on this special day.

Sunday Morning

NURSERY

During the 9 & 11:10 AM services, Brownson has a full service nursery for children 3 and under, where loving staff are ready to welcome your children. The nursery is located in the Education Building. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN

Kids, pre-K through grade 5, are invited after Moment with the Children at both services 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: 849 0052 9560, Passcode: 209651

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 McNeil.

Donuts and Devotionals—Join us in Conference Room C at 10:15 AM. We discuss some of the most important stories in the Bible. Led by Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin and others facilitators.

HIGHER GROUNDS

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

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

(9 AM) Head Usher: Jim Webb, Paula Zellers, Marjorie Heffner, Bill Zell, Kelley J. Kibler, Mary Hamblen.

(11:10 AM) Head Usher: Don Power, Anita Emery, Chan Roberts, Lucy Roberts, Susan Bowness, Pat Henry, Cindi Hamilton.

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

Mid Week Adult Bible Studies

The Brownson's Men's Groups, Mom's Group and Presbyterian Women invite everyone of the church to join in their Bible Study and fellowship.

PW Circle 6— Monday, May 11 at 10 AM, in Conference Room B.

PW Circle 3— Monday, May 11 at 11 AM, in Conference Room C.

PW Circle 2— Tuesday, May 12 at 10 AM, in Conference Room C.

Mom's Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 PM in the Youth Suite. This month we are reading *Counterweights* by Shannan Martin. All Brownson moms are welcome to join! Contact Erin Pollock for more information.