

BROWNSON

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

September 10, 2023

The Unity of the Spirit

T O G E T H E R

2023 Session of Brownson

Alice Herrington | Alicia Riggan | Amelia Kirkland | Andrew Benbow | Ann Edgerton | Art Edgerton | Beverley Pellom
Charlene Kinelski | Chris Jordan | David McNeill | David Wood | Dixie Parks | Don Branch | Don Power | John Bullard
Kathy McPherson | Ken Goodman | Larry Riggan | Lee Pittman | Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Ryan Ciccone
Sara Conti | Sara James | Scout Cain (Y) | Wesley Little (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
Matt Franks—interim music director
Austin Vernon—director of discipleship and missions

330 South May Street, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387
www.brownsonchurch.org — 910.692.6252
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 as we would love to connect with you.

Prelude "Voluntary on CWM Rondda" arr. Robert Lind
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

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 for Congregational Care and Connection*

The Praise of God

+Call to Worship Let us lay aside the works of evil
and put on the armor of goodness.
Let us live honorably, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom we confess now.
Let us worship almighty God.

+Hymn 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

Confessing

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will. 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.**

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

Anthem "There is Room in My Father's House" Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

Moment with Children Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*
(9:00) children four to second grade may depart for Kids Worship
(11:10) children remain in worship with their families

Song of Illumination "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 Numbers 11:16-25
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Shared Spirit	Rev. John Hage, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
+Hymn 837	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	Showalter

Responding

+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

Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

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

"Faithfulness" Chisholm/Rainey
Chancel Choir

+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

Morgan Strickland (9:00 AM) | Ken Goodman (11:10 AM)

Departing

+Hymn 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

+Benediction

+Congregational Response "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" GOD BE WITH YOU
**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

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

Postlude

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" Mahlon Balderston
Diana Kirkpatrick, organ

Announcements

Today's **Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God given by the family of Rich and Lolly Nazario in memory of Lolly's father, James Hemphill.

Lemonade on the Lawn, **today following the 11:10 AM** service. Join us on the lawn by the BLC for fellowship as we welcome our new members.

2024 Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting – Brownson plans to go where the events of the Bible took place – the Holy Land. Join us on **today at 12:15 PM** in Fellowship Hall to learn more about this trip! Lunch will be provided.

Youth: All youth grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to the youth group kickoff tonight 5-7 PM! Dinner in Fellowship Hall, followed by a parent meeting. Youth will play games and tie dye Brownson Youth gear. Middle schoolers are invited to a half-nighter on 9/15, 6-11 PM. RSVP with Erin by 9/11. If you are not receiving weekly youth emails, please contact Erin at youth@brownsonchurch.org. The most up to date calendar for youth can be found on the Brownson Church app.

Children: Brownson Kids are just having a fun night tonight (9/10) of ice cream and field games from 5:00 – 6:30. Join us next Sunday, 9/17 for our parent meeting and kickoff at 5 PM for children grades K-5th grade. If you are not receiving weekly Brownson Kids emails, please contact Kelli at children@brownsonchurch.org.

Today is our first Sunday where our worship looks a little different. At 9 AM, following our *Moment with Children*, the children will be dismissed to their Kids Worship groups. There will be a PreK – K group, as well as a 1st – 3rd grade group. At the 11:10 service there will be a *Moment with Children*, but the children will join their families for the remainder of worship.

Enlightening Conversations: Communities Uniting Against Racism – Join the conversation with other Moore County neighbors as we discuss issues pertaining to race in an inclusive and loving environment. Learn more and register for this exciting program by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SFFEC2023>. Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom, **beginning September 12** through November 14.

Sunday, September 17—The American tradition of Kirkin' of the Tartan 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. Many Presbyterian and other denominations now conduct Kirkin' services. Thanks to the St. Andrew's Society of NC for conducting our Kirkin' at the 11:10 service on 9/17. Wear your tartan for the service or borrow some if you are not of Scottish descent!

Sunday, September 24—We will have **ONE** service at **11:10 AM** with guest preacher, Rev. Carolyn Helms. Higher Grounds will be closed.

September 18—**PW meeting** at 11:00 AM, followed by a luncheon. Gail Cameron will be introducing *Sacred Encounters*, the new bible study for the new year.

Rise Against Hunger: The meal packing event will be **October 1** in Fellowship Hall after the 11:10 AM service. We will pack 25,000 meals on the 25th Anniversary of Rise Against Hunger for distribution to those in need around the world. This is a wonderful intergenerational service project for our entire Congregation. All ages are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided, with the food packing to follow. Please sign up online: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Brownson>. Your RSVP is critical, so we ensure we have lunch for all!

Announcements

Brownson Buddies Volunteers – Would you like to make a difference in the life of a third-grade student at Southern Pines Elementary School? Our Brownson Buddies reading program is kicking off again this October! If you're interested in volunteering one hour per week, please contact Austin Vernon at discipleship@brownsonchurch.org or Sara Conti at sara.conti76@gmail.com.

Fall Small Group Series: Registration for fall small groups is open! Sign up online at brownsonchurch.org/registration or at the table in the Atrium on Sunday mornings. Series begins week of Oct 1. Please contact Austin Vernon with any questions, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org.

Local Missions | Ways to Serve

SANDHILLS COALITION:

DONATION PRIORITIES: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice, Mac & Cheese.

TWO DROP OFF LOCATIONS: Baskets in the narthex or Starbucks Drive Thru - Taylortown.

Contact Austin Vernon, discipleship@brownsonchurch.org

THE FOOD BANK

- Pack food boxes for low income seniors
- Sign up to Volunteer on September 12
- Contact: Bob McCall, rdm36@charter.net

FAMILY PROMISE—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Assisting homeless women and their children
- Volunteers to provide a meal or serve as an overnight host
- Dates: October 23-26
- Contact: Chris DiMarco, cdimarco@nc.rr.com

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUPS

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

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

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

Women of the Way – This women's connect group focuses on spiritual practices that encourage us to live out our faith in deeper ways. The first study will be on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. All women are invited to join the conversation in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 10 AM! Led by Alice Herrington.

Prayers and Praise

Member Death: We share in hope of the rise Christ with the family of Ezra Quesenberry upon his death on September 5, 2023. Service arrangements are pending.

Member Death: We share in hope of the risen Christ with the family of Virginia Samuels upon her death on September 2, 2023. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Serving Today

Thank you to our Greeters serving today:

9:00 AM Head Usher: Allan Beck, Lisa Beck, Logan & Ashleigh Beck, Ben Eddy

11:10 AM Head Usher: Scott Absher, Lee Pittman, Michael White, Will Herring, Ryan Riggan