

# BROWNSON

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

**February 12, 2023**  
**9 & 11:10 AM In Person and 11:10 Online**

*"The root of joy is  
gratefulness"*

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## 2023 Session of Brownsong

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

**John Tyson**—director of music ministries

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

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## Gathering

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*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	"Arioso" Dianne Stanley, organ	Handel
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>	
Minute for Mission	Scout Sunday	(9:00) Gregg Allen, Cub Scout Declan Santos, Scout Tim White (11:10) Gregg Allen, Cub Scout Landon Brooks, Scout Wesley Little

## The Praise of God

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**+Call to Worship**  
We gather here as the body of Christ,  
**God's servants working together.**  
God call us to worship, to hear the good news  
and sing our praise, for we are the hands and feet of Jesus here and now.  
**Let us worship Almighty God.**

**+Hymn 716** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

## Confessing

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**Call to Confession** Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*  
**Prayer of Confession**  
**Almighty God, you set before us life and prosperity. Often we do not listen to your commandments, but we bow down to other gods: convenience, self-reliance, greed, bitterness. Break us of our longing for gods we can see and touch. Turn us back to you, mysterious and mighty God, that we may observe your commandments, and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Kyrie**

**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" Hal H. Hopson, 1995  
**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)**

## The Proclamation of the Word

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**Moment with Children** Kelli Garbett, *Director of Children and their Families*  
Children four to second Grade may depart for kids worship

**Baptism (9:00)** Archer Timothy Jarmusz—Son of Adam and Katie Jarmusz

**Hymn 482** "Baptized in Water"  
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Song of Illumination**  
**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.**  
**Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.**  
**Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.**  
**Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Scripture Lesson**  
Matthew 25:14-28  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** A Risky Call Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

**+Hymn 69** "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM

+Please Stand

## Responding

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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.

**+A Brief Statement of Faith**      **We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**+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*

**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**      *"What Should I Bring to the Lord?"*      Robert Lau  
The 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**      Sam Creed

## Departing

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**+Hymn 353**      *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*      SOLID ROCK

**+Benediction**

**+Choral Response**      *"Go Ye Now In Peace"*      Joyce Ellers

**Postlude**      *"Rigaudon"*      Campra  
Dianne Stanley, organ

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

## Announcements

**Stay-at-Home Tea**—A donation to the PW scholarship fund not only supports Brownson students but also can be made in memory of or in honor of someone you love. Just include this information with your check. All names will be posted on the PW bulletin board in the Atrium. Again, thank you for participating in this annual fundraiser.

**Dementia Dialogues:** February 26 and March 5 from 12:30PM – 4:30PM at Community Presbyterian Church. CPC, Brownson Church, and FirstHealth are sponsoring this two-part educational program designed to inform and support people living with dementia and their loved ones. Register online at [www.communitypres.com](http://www.communitypres.com) or by calling the CPC office at 910-295-6848.

**Pancake Breakfast** - On February 26 join us during the 10 o'clock hour for a delicious pancake breakfast put on by Brownson Youth. All monies raised at this event will go toward their summer trip opportunities to Massanetta, Montreat and ASP. Our goal is to eliminate the cost of ASP for participating youth and lower the cost for the retreats!

**SAVE THE DATE—2023 Church Retreat @ Caraway Conference Center:** September 22-24. Registration details coming soon.

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of someone, please use the yellow special offering envelope in the pew racks. Please indicate your dedication on the envelope.

## Local Missions | Ways to Serve

### THE COALITION

**Gilmore Client Services—1500 Indiana Ave**

- Third Tuesday of each month 8:30 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).

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY APOSTLES BUILD

Brownson and the Village Chapel are partnering up for the construction of the 2023 Apostles Build. The Apostle Build is only made possible by volunteers from numerous churches throughout Moore County. The dates for the Brownson/Village Chapel Build are April 27, 28 and 29 and the location is 200 Hatley Street – Aberdeen. Habitat would like 6 volunteer “builders” from each Church each day from 8 am – 1 pm. No experience is required. Habitat will provide all equipment, hard hats, goggles, water/snacks and a contractor from Habitat will be on-site at all times. Please go on-line and register to volunteer at [sandhill-shabitat.volunteerhub.com](http://sandhill-shabitat.volunteerhub.com).

## CONNECT @ BROWNSON

### YOUTH

No youth group tonight. All youth are needed to help with the Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:30 AM on February 26. Work in the morning at the breakfast and have fun at youth group that night with laser tag! Starting March 5 the youth are doing a Lenten Small Group during the 10 o'clock hour on Sunday mornings. Join us for this 6 week study!

### CHILDREN

Brownson Kids is in our third week of Love God, Love Others, Serve Others. Join us tonight at 4:00 for music and 5:00 for a fun Kids Connect!

### LENTEN SERIES SMALL GROUPS

#### Meeting Jesus at the Table –

The 2023 Lenten Small Group Series begins the week of February 26. Sign up for a small group at the registration table in the atrium or online at

[www.brownsonchurch.org/registration](http://www.brownsonchurch.org/registration). Study books are available for purchase (\$5) at the registration table or in the church office. Please bring exact change or check. Contact Austin Vernon.

## YOU'RE INVITED



TO THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AT  
BROWNSON CHURCH



### FEBRUARY 26

*Pancake Breakfast - 10-11 AM*

Come support Brownson Youth at this delicious event as they raise funds for their summer trips to Massanetta, Montreat and Appalachia Service Project.



### March 19

*Talent Show and Ice Cream Social - 5 PM*

Brownson Kids invite you to this family friendly event. Enjoy all the talent Brownson has to offer while raising funds for a new playground.



### April 2

*Church Barbeque - 12:15 PM*

In celebration of Palm Sunday and as the conclusion to the Lenten small group series, please plan to join us as we meet at the table and enjoy a meal together  
**Invite a Friend!**

## Serving Today

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

**9 AM:** Head Usher—Chris Jordan, Marjorie Heffner, Chris & Kelley Kibler, Stu White, Paula Zellers

**11:10 AM:** Head Usher—Wes Little, Gregg Allen, Bonnie Hanly, Ed Monroe, Cornelia Morris, Michael White, Mickey Wilson

**Chancel Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and given by Cub Pack 73 and Scout Troop 223 in honor and appreciation for Brownson Presbyterian Church being the Charter Sponsor of these outdoor youth leadership programs and in celebration of the 113<sup>th</sup> birthday of Scouting founded on February 8, 1910